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Dear Citizen:

It is of primary importance that the general public increase its participation in the decision-making process. In order to actuate this input, the citizen must acquire an understanding of the legislative structure and process and then organize concerted efforts to effectively demand representation.

Individuals can have an impact on specific legislative proposals, provided it is made at the appropriate time. Organized community and citizens' groups can multiply the impact of that individual effort.

Organizing citizens' groups to deal with specific community problems is extremely important. Such groups provide a focal point from which citizens can participate in the decision-making process and influence legislation.

The intent of this CITIZEN'S GUIDE is to provide some of the specific information needed to get in touch with the RIGHT PEOPLE AT THE RIGHT TIME to make your concerns heard. It is hoped that it will be a reference tool that will assist you in your efforts to be heard by public officials.

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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

“An informed and active citizenry is the lifeblood of a democracy.”

It is important in a democracy that citizens help keep their legislators informed. In order to be true representatives of the people, legislators need to know the thinking of their constituents on those issues upon which decisions will be made, and the facts on which such thinking and conclusions are based. As a citizen, *you* can help insure good legislation on state and national levels by communicating with your elected representatives at the proper time.

Too many people never have any contact with those who represent them in government—whose vote may decide what price they will pay for the acts of government, sometimes in terms of dollars, or in changes in standards of living, or in regulatory inconveniences.

Is There a Bill or an Issue of Particular Concern to You? Organize!

Forming a group to lobby for or against legislation is often more effective than individual efforts. A group is far more visible, has greater resources, and carries more political weight.

Organize a group of friends, co-workers, or neighbors around a specific issue of concern to all of you. Define your goals . . . identify tasks that are part of the plan . . . divide the work. (For instance, one person can research available material, another can keep track of the bill, several can attend all committee meetings, several can personally meet with the legislator, etc.) . . . KEEP INFORMED.

It is best for the group to meet informally or socially with legislators even before the group has specific legislative requests to make. Professional lobbyists specifically suggest this kind of personalized, informal contact. Friendly, personal acquaintance, and help at campaign time, form a strong basis for personal, or group, lobbying efforts.

Learn how the system works . . . find out how a bill becomes a law . . . learn the committee structure . . . find out which legislators are dealing with your area of concern . . . find out when and how to lobby. ALL THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE FOUND IN THIS GUIDE.

If you are interested in becoming actively involved in influencing legislation, here are some important points that will make your lobbying efforts more effective:

Personal Contacts

Personal contacts can be a meaningful way to influence a legislator.

1. Before contacting any legislators, take the time to read all available background material on the bill or issue which concerns you. Although it is obviously beneficial for you to know a great deal about the specifics of bills and issues, it is not essential that you know everything. The primary goal of your visit is to express your concern over a particular bill or issue.
2. Know when and where to contact a legislator. The best times to find a legislator in the office in Lansing are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. (House sessions are normally held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 12:00 noon, while Senate sessions normally begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.)

It is usually possible, when the House and Senate are in session, to send in a message to legislators informing them that you wish to speak with them. Check from the visitors balconies on the third floor (using the seating charts in this book) to see if the legislator you wish to meet with is in the chamber. The sergeant-at-arms on the second floor in front of each chamber will send your message to the Representative or Senator. It is generally, but *not always*, possible for a legislator to come out to meet briefly with you.

Occasionally, legislators will be able to see you if you simply walk into their office, but the best approach is to call ahead and make an appointment. Let the legislator know what you wish to discuss. If you cannot get an appointment, or if the matter is too urgent to wait for an appointment, do not hesitate to go to the office anyway. You may at least be able to talk to staff, and you will have made them aware of your concern.

Calling your own legislator at home on the weekend sometimes makes sense on an issue of great importance or urgency. *Don't abuse* this method of contact.

- 3. If you have genuine expert knowledge, share it with the legislator. It will be welcomed. No legislator can be an expert on everything. (All views are important, but expertise is especially valued. Remember, any lobbyist's most useful role for a legislator is as a source of information.) If you have read the bill carefully and/or understand the issues involved as a result of personal knowledge or research, you may be of great assistance to the legislator.
- 4. Be constructive. If a bill deals with a problem you admit exists, but you believe the bill is the wrong approach, explain what you believe is the right approach. If you want to suggest amendments to a bill that has been introduced, it is important that you have: a) a clear idea of what you want to be included or deleted; b) the reasons to justify the proposed change; and c) good, strong facts to back up your position before you contact your legislator. If possible, leave copies of your position and/or suggested changes with the legislator.
- 5. It is usually a waste of time (for both of you) to lobby legislators who are already supporting your position, although they may be helpful in making suggestions for your lobbying efforts.
- 6. You do not need a crowd to lobby. One, or possibly two, well-informed lobbyists on the same subject are more effective and less confusing than a large group gathered at the same time.
- 7. When you introduce yourself, save time by making it clear who you are and what organization, if any, you are working with. If you are cooperating with some group from the legislator's home district, mention it and the fact that the home district group may also be trying to reach the legislator.
- 8. Do not "overkill." Most legislators have many demands on their time. An elaborate sales job or long, emotional speech will not be appreciated. They do, however, want your well-prepared facts and views, presented in a straightforward manner. Make sure their time is well spent in talking to you. Stick to the issues that you came to discuss; don't wander into other issues.
- 9. It is easy, particularly when dealing with legislators who disagree with you, to become angry and frustrated. If you disagree, a calm, reasonable attitude and a set of well-prepared reasons for your position may change their minds on the issue. It is generally advisable not to get into arguments which may trigger prejudices. Remember, you may not have all the facts on an issue or bill.

Let legislators explain their views—listen without interrupting—they often have input from many resources to which you may not have access, such as fiscal agencies, state departments, other groups with expertise on the issue, and legislation from other states.

Take a few notes about their comments, noting any questions they have. Give the answers you know, and offer to get answers to the other questions, if possible. Understanding their views of the facts and where they come from will help your organization develop counterarguments.

- 10. Don't demand a commitment before the facts are in. Give your legislator a fair chance to examine all sides of an issue.

The legislative process is very complex, and bills change their shape in committee and on the floor of both houses of the Legislature. A bill rarely becomes law in the same form as introduced. It is possible that the bill you supported originally is so changed in the process that you would oppose its final form.

A legislator may be forced to vote on the bill as a whole, weighing the good with the bad and the needs of all constituents and/or the state as a whole, rather than those of a particular group or individual.

Letter Writing and E-Mail

A personal letter or message via e-mail or the Internet may be the most effective way of contacting your legislator, whether in Lansing or Washington. Consult the Congressional (p. 4), House (p. 31), and Senate (p. 53) directories in this guide to find the addresses of Michigan legislators. Many offices prefer e-mail.

If you're new at this type of letter writing, here are some suggestions on how your letters can be most effective:

- 1. ADDRESS IT PROPERLY: Know your legislator's full name and correct spelling. For specific addresses, see individual lists. Examples:

U.S. SENATOR
The Honorable (full name)
United States Senator
Address

Dear Senator (last name):

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
The Honorable (full name)
United States Representative
Address

Dear Congressman/woman (last name):

STATE SENATOR
The Honorable (full name)
State Senator
State Capitol
P.O. Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Dear Senator (last name):

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
The Honorable (full name)
State Representative
State Capitol
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Representative (last name):

2. ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR LAST NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE LETTER OR E-MAIL. A letter cannot be answered if there is no return address and this shows you are a constituent.
3. USE YOUR OWN WORDS. Avoid form letters and petitions. They tend to be identified as organized pressure campaigns and are often answered with form replies. However, a petition *does* let the legislator know that the issue is of concern to a large number of people (addresses with zip codes should be given for each signature). One thoughtful, factual, and well-reasoned letter carries more weight than 100 form letters or printed postcards.
4. TIME THE ARRIVAL OF YOUR LETTER OR E-MAIL. Try to write to your legislator, and the chairperson of the committee dealing with a bill, while a bill is still in committee and there is still time to take effective action. Sometimes a bill is out of committee, or has been passed, before a helpful, informative letter arrives which *could* have made a difference in the way the bill was written or in the final decision.
5. KNOW WHAT YOU ARE WRITING ABOUT. Identify the bill or issue of concern to you. Thousands of bills and resolutions are introduced in each session. If you write about a bill, try to give the bill number or describe it by popular title, such as "the Whistleblower's Act," or "the School Code."
6. BE REASONABLY BRIEF. Many issues are complex, but a single page, presenting your opinions, facts, arguments, or proposals as clearly as possible, is preferred and welcomed by most legislators.
7. GIVE REASONS FOR YOUR POSITION. Explain how the issue would affect you, your family, business, or profession—or the effect on your community or our state. If you have specialized knowledge, SHARE IT WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR. Concrete, expert arguments for or against the bill can be used by the legislator in determining the final outcome of a bill.
8. BE CONSTRUCTIVE. If a bill deals with a problem you admit exists, but you believe the bill is the wrong approach, explain what you believe to be the right approach.
9. GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS SHOULD DETERMINE THEIR PRIORITY CONCERNS and contact the legislator on those *specific* issues rather than on *every* issue. The "pen pal" who writes every few days on every conceivable subject tends to become a nuisance, rather than an effective voice of concern.
10. YOU MAY NOT ALWAYS RECEIVE A LONG, DETAILED RESPONSE. Legislators are very busy and usually cannot respond with long, personal replies to each correspondent.
11. WRITE TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION when you feel a legislator has done a good job. Legislators are human too and seldom receive "thank you" letters of encouragement.

Remember, on any one issue, even a few letters or e-mails to one legislator can have an important impact. Sometimes just one letter or e-mail, with a new perspective, or with clear-cut, persuasive arguments can be the decisive factor in a legislator's action.

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If you decide you want to be further involved in the future of a particular bill, KEEP TRACK OF THE BILL. Consider testifying on it before a committee. There may also be a public hearing on it in your area.

Information on testifying is included in the section on "Committees."

INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS
REPRESENTING YOU IN WASHINGTON, DC

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
(4-year term) Term Ends: 1-20-2017
BARACK OBAMA (D–Illinois)
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
(4-year term) Term Ends: 1-20-2017
JOE BIDEN (D–Delaware)
17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Contacting the White House:
The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500
Comments (202) 456-1111 • Switchboard (202) 456-1414 • Fax (202) 456-2461
TTY/TDD Comments (202) 456-6213 • TTY/TDD Visitors Office (202) 456-2121 • comments@whitehouse.gov

113TH CONGRESS
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES

(2-year term, all expire on 1-3-15)
(5 Democrats and 9 Republicans)



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114 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
www.amash.house.gov
(202) 225-3831 Fax (202) 225-5144

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#2 500 S. Stephenson Avenue, Suite 500, Iron Mountain, MI 49801	(906) 828-1581 Fax (906) 828-1583
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Toll-Free (800) 342-2455
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Fax (231) 876-9252

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Fax (313) 226-2085
#2 2615 W. Jefferson, Trenton, MI 48183 (734) 675-4084
Fax (734) 675-4218



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(202) 225-4071 Fax (202) 226-0371

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#2 301 W. Michigan Avenue, Suite 400, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.....	(734) 481-1100



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DISTRICT OFFICES:

#1 1 South Harbor Avenue, Suite 6B, Grand Haven, MI 49417	(616) 414-5516
	Fax (616) 414-5521
#2 4555 Wilson Avenue, SW, Suite 3, Grandville, MI 49418	(616) 570-0917
	Fax (616) 570-0934

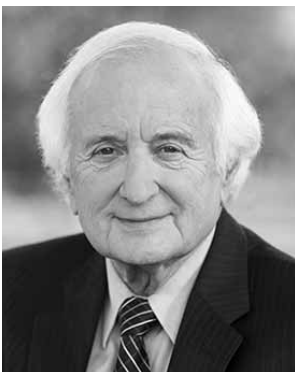


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DISTRICT OFFICE:

801 S. Saginaw Street, Plaza Level, Flint, MI 48502.....	(810) 238-8627
	Fax (810) 238-8658

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Regional Gratiot Avenue Office,
27085 Gratiot Avenue, Roseville, MI 48066..... (586) 498-7122
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Fax (517) 702-8642
Toll-Free (877) 333-MIKE



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(202) 225-3761 Fax (202) 225-4986

DISTRICT OFFICES:
#1 157 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 180, Kalamazoo, MI 49007 (269) 385-0039
Fax (269) 385-2888
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Fax (269) 982-0237



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Fax (517) 780-9081

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(6-year term, overlapping)

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Term Ends: 1-3-2015



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Fax: (202) 228-0325
www.stabenow.senate.gov
Term Ends: 1-3-2019

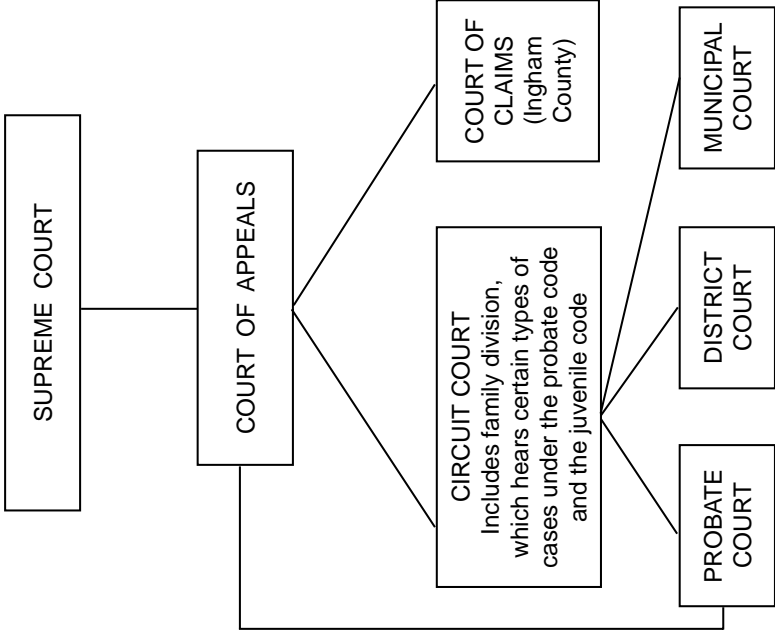


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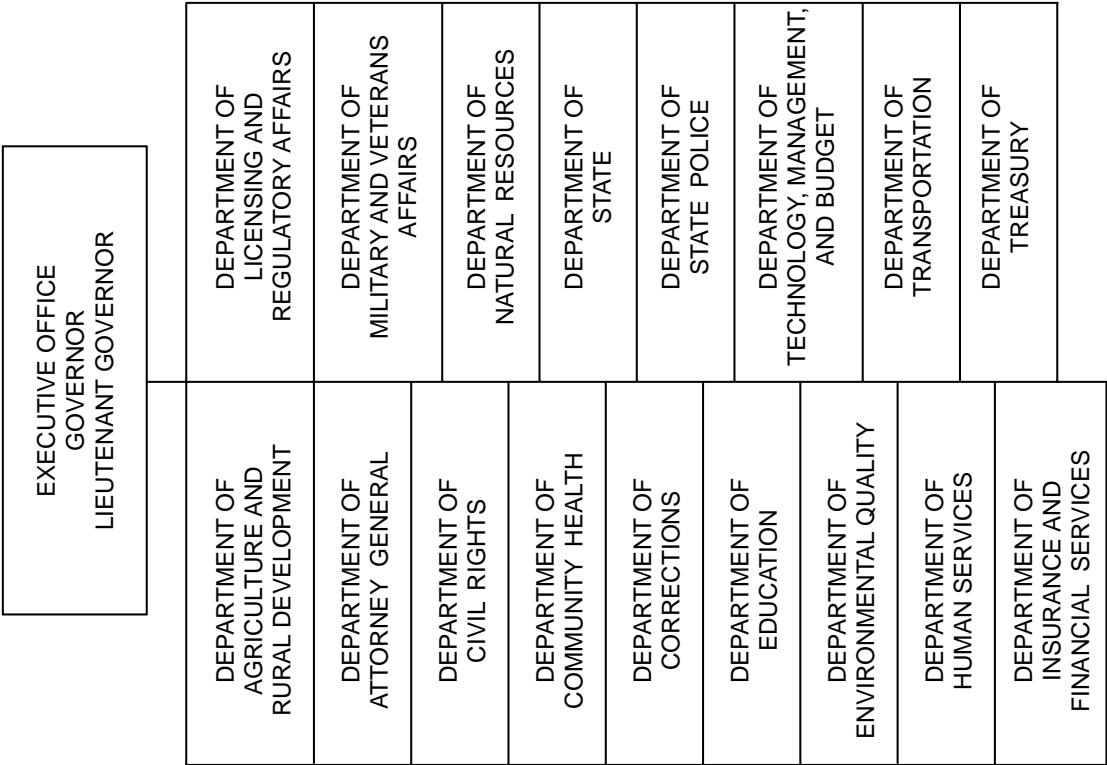
243 W. Congress, Suite 550, Detroit, MI 48226	(313) 961-4330 Fax (313) 961-7566
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3280 E. Beltline Court, N.E., Suite 400, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.....	(616) 975-0052 Fax (616) 975-5764
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3335 S. Airport Road West, Suite 6B, Traverse City, MI 49684	(231) 929-1031 Fax (231) 929-1250

THE THREE BRANCHES OF MICHIGAN STATE GOVERNMENT

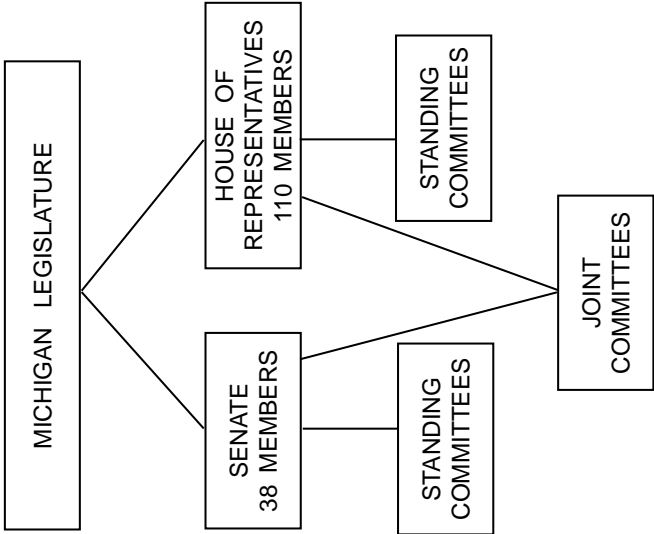
JUDICIAL BRANCH



EXECUTIVE BRANCH



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH



INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS
REPRESENTING YOU AT THE STATE LEVEL

In addition to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Michigan’s voters elect two other executive branch officials statewide—the Secretary of State and Attorney General. While candidates for the Office of Governor are chosen in the August primary election, candidates for the others are nominated at the regular party conventions. All of these officials are elected concurrently to four-year terms in the even-numbered year between presidential elections (voters cast one vote jointly for Governor and Lieutenant Governor). An amendment to the Constitution adopted by the voters in 1992 limits these elected executives to two terms (eight years). This limitation applies to terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 1993.



GOVERNOR
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(R–Ann Arbor)
Term Ends: 1-1-2015
State Capitol
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Lansing, MI 48909
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(R–Portland)
Term Ends: 1-1-2015
State Capitol
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Lansing, MI 48909
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SECRETARY OF STATE
RUTH JOHNSON
(R–Holly)
Term Ends: 1-1-2015
Treasury Building
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ATTORNEY GENERAL
BILL SCHUETTE
(R–Midland)
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Lansing, MI 48909
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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, MI 48909

The 8 members of the Michigan State Board of Education are elected at-large on the partisan statewide ballot for 8-year terms, with 2 members elected every 2 years in the general election.

- JOHN C. AUSTIN (D–Ann Arbor), Term Ends: 1-1-2017
- MICHELLE FECTEAU (D–Detroit), Term Ends: 1-1-2021
- LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGNY (D–Grand Rapids), Term Ends: 1-1-2021
- KATHLEEN N. STRAUS (D–Detroit), Term Ends: 1-1-2017
- CASANDRA E. ULBRICH (D–Rochester Hills), Term Ends: 1-1-2015
- DANIEL VARNER (D–Detroit), Term Ends: 1-1-2015
- EILEEN LAPPIN WEISER (R–Ann Arbor), Term Ends: 1-1-2019
- RICHARD ZEILE (R–Detroit), Term Ends: 1-1-2019

THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court is the highest court in the state, hearing cases appealed to it from the Court of Appeals. In addition to its judicial duties, the Supreme Court is responsible for the general administrative supervision of all courts in the state. The Supreme Court also establishes rules for practice and procedure in all courts.

The Supreme Court consists of seven justices: the Chief Justice and six Associate Justices. The justices are elected to serve eight-year terms. Every two years one justice is selected by the court as chief justice. Although justices are nominated by political parties, they are elected on a nonpartisan ballot. A candidate for the Supreme Court must be a qualified elector, licensed to practice law in Michigan, and at the time of election must be less than 70 years of age.



ROBERT P. YOUNG, JR.
(Detroit)
Chief Justice
Term Ends: 1-1-2019



MICHAEL F. CAVANAGH
(East Lansing)
Term Ends: 1-1-2015



BRIAN K. ZAHRA
(Northville Township)
Term Ends: 1-1-2015



DAVID F. VIVIANO
(Sterling Heights)
Term Ends: 1-1-2015



MARY BETH KELLY
(Grosse Ile)
Term Ends: 1-1-2019



STEPHEN J. MARKMAN
(Mason)
Term Ends: 1-1-2021



BRIDGET McCORMACK
(Ann Arbor)
Term Ends: 1-1-2021



YOUR MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

Michigan’s Legislature is a sovereign and independent branch of state government vested with the power to enact laws by which the actions of the government and the people are regulated and protected.



The first Michigan Legislature, consisting of 16 Senators and 50 Representatives, met in the first Capitol in Detroit, which served as our state’s capital city until 1847, when it was moved permanently to Lansing. Today’s Legislature consists of 148 members, 110 State Representatives and 38 Senators, sent to Lansing by the voters of their separate districts. These men and women share an important trust and responsibility as expressed by one of the fundamental provisions of the Michigan Constitution of 1963:

The public health and general welfare of the people of the state are hereby declared to be matters of primary public concern. The Legislature shall pass suitable laws for the protection and promotion of the public health.

The direct link between the people and their legislators is reflected in the declaration at the head of every law, which reads:

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

The Michigan Legislature convenes in annual session at noon on the second Wednesday in January of each year. Each session continues until the members agree to adjourn sine die (without day), subject to interim recesses. Special sessions of the Legislature may be called by the Governor but are limited to the consideration of subjects the Governor places before the Legislature.

The Legislature is apportioned every ten years after the official total population count of each federal census so that each representative and senatorial district has as nearly equal population as possible. Based on the 2010 census, each of the 110 State Representative districts has approximately 90,000 residents and each Senate district 260,000 residents.

Except for certain criminal convictions, any person 21 years of age who is a United States citizen and a registered voter in the district to be represented can be elected to either house of the Legislature. However, a legislator can hold no other public office except notary public. In addition, an amendment to the Constitution adopted by the voters limits State Representatives to three terms (six years) in the House of Representatives and State Senators to two terms (eight years) in the Michigan Senate.

The present Capitol was formally opened on January 1, 1879. This magnificent structure, which was rededicated on November 19, 1992, has been restored to the splendor of its original condition. The Legislature consists of two chambers. The Senate Chamber is located in the south wing of the second floor and the House Chamber is in the north wing of the second floor. The floors of the chambers are not open to the public during legislative sessions, but visitors are welcome to view the sessions from the balconies overlooking the chambers which are located on the third floor.

Both chambers are equipped with a public address system and an electronic voting system to record votes.

The presiding officer of the House is called the Speaker (elected from, and a member of, the House of Representatives). The Speaker Pro Tempore and Assistant Speaker Pro Tempore, who are also elected from and by House members, preside when the Speaker is absent or wishes to participate in debate. The Constitution provides that the Lieutenant Governor shall be the President of the Senate, but shall not have a vote unless the votes are equally divided. The Senate elects a President Pro Tempore, an Assistant President Pro Tempore, an Associate President Pro Tempore, and an Assistant Associate President Pro Tempore from its membership.

The House sessions are normally held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 12:00 noon. Senate sessions normally begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. However, either house may designate a different hour for convening.

The proceedings of each day's work are published in the Journals of both chambers. In addition, the records of committee action on all bills and resolutions are available for public inspection.

To make certain every member has the opportunity to become acquainted with legislation, bills in the regular sessions must be printed or reproduced and in the possession of each house for at least five days before they can be passed. Every bill must be read three times before it can be passed. The final vote on each bill is recorded in the Journals.

All laws must be published in their original words and be made available to the public within 60 days of the adjournment of each regular session.

During a two-year session, the Legislature will introduce approximately 3,500 bills—700-800 of these will become law. Proper consideration of the bills requires organization, time, and hard work. Legislators and legislative committees spend many hours of work on each bill before the bill is sent to the floor of either house for consideration. The floor debate on a bill, seen by a visitor, is only one of the stages of the legislative process.

The people can force the enactment of laws, or reject some laws passed by the Legislature, through the process of petition—submitted to the electorate at the next general election or special election as set forth by the Legislature:

- 1) The INITIATIVE petition, requiring 258,088* signatures of registered voters, is used to propose laws and to enact or reject laws.
- 2) The REFERENDUM petition, requiring 161,305* signatures of registered voters, is used to approve or reject laws enacted by the Legislature.
- 3) The CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, requiring 322,609* signatures of registered voters, is used to amend the Michigan Constitution.

*In each case, a percentage of the total vote cast for all candidates for Governor at the last preceding general election at which a Governor was elected. 1) 8%; 2) 5%; 3) 10%.

POLITICAL COMPOSITION INDEX

MICHIGAN CONGRESSIONAL

STATE SENATE - STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COURT OF APPEALS - CIRCUIT COURT - DISTRICT COURT

Codes for District Numbers:

- C = Congressional District No.
- SS = State Senate District No.
- SH = State House of Representatives District No.
- AC = Appeals Court District No.*
- CC = Circuit Court Circuit No.*
- DC = District Court No.*

To locate your Congressperson, Representative, Senator, or appropriate court, use the following steps:

1. Start with your county and find the district number(s).
2. If your county is in more than one district, refer to the map section. If you cannot decide on the basis of this information, call your county or city clerk or call the Elections Bureau of the Michigan Department of State at (517) 373-2540 for further assistance.
3. After locating your district number, use the lists on pages 29 and 51 to find your legislator.
4. Individual Congressional and state legislators are listed with local addresses, telephone numbers and other information.

When contacting your legislators, see the section on “Citizen Participation.”

*Court information from SCAO (last updated 1/31/12).

Governmental Unit	C	SS	SH	AC	CC	DC	Governmental Unit	C	SS	SH	AC	CC	DC
ALCONA COUNTY.....	1	36	106	4	23	81	Bedford Twp.	3	19	62	1	37	10
ALGER COUNTY.....	1	38	109	4	11	93	Clarence Twp.	3	19	62	1	37	10
ALLEGAN COUNTY.....	2, 6	24	72, 80	3	48	57	Convis Twp.	3	19	62	1	37	10
Dorr Twp.	6	24	72	3	48	57	Lee Twp.	3	19	62	1	37	10
Holland City	2, 6	24	80	3	48	57	Pennfield Twp.	3	19	62	1	37	10
Leighton Twp.	6	24	72	3	48	57	Sheridan Twp.	3	19	62	1	37	10
Wayland City	6	24	72	3	48	57	Springfield City	3	19	62	1	37	10
Wayland Twp.	6	24	72	3	48	57	Balance of county.....	3	19	63	1	37	10
Balance of county.....	6	24	80	3	48	57	CASS COUNTY.....	6	21	59, 78	3	43	4
ALPENA COUNTY	1	36	106	4	26	88	Howard Twp.	6	21	78	3	43	4
ANTRIM COUNTY.....	1	37	105	4	13	86	Milton Twp.	6	21	78	3	43	4
ARENAC COUNTY.....	5	31	97	4	23	81	Niles City	6	21	78	3	43	4
BARAGA COUNTY	1	38	110	4	12	97	(also see Berrien Co.)						
BARRY COUNTY	3	24	87	3	5	56B	Ontwa Twp.	6	21	78	3	43	4
BAY COUNTY.....	5	31	96, 98	4	18	74	Silver Creek Twp.	6	21	78	3	43	4
Bangor Twp.	5	31	96	4	18	74	Balance of county.....	6	21	59	3	43	4
Bay City.....	5	31	96	4	18	74	CHARLEVOIX COUNTY.....	1	37	105	4	33	90
Essexville City	5	31	96	4	18	74	CHEBOYGAN COUNTY.....	1	37	106, 107	4	53	89
Frankenlust Twp.	5	31	96	4	18	74	Beaugrand Twp.	1	37	107	4	53	89
Hampton Twp.	5	31	96	4	18	74	Cheboygan City.....	1	37	107	4	53	89
Kawkawlin Twp.	5	31	96	4	18	74	Hebron Twp.	1	37	107	4	53	89
Merritt Twp.	5	31	96	4	18	74	Koehler Twp.	1	37	107	4	53	89
Midland City (part).....	5	31	98	4	18	74	Mackinaw Twp.	1	37	107	4	53	89
(also see Bay Co.)							Munro Twp.	1	37	107	4	53	89
Monitor Twp.	5	31	96	4	18	74	Tuscarora Twp.	1	37	107	4	53	89
Portsmouth Twp.	5	31	96	4	18	74	Balance of county.....	1	37	106	4	53	89
Balance of county.....	5	31	98	4	18	74	CHIPPEWA COUNTY.....	1	37	107	4	50	91
BENZIE COUNTY.....	1	35	101	4	19	85	CLARE COUNTY	4	35	97	4	55	80
BERRIEN COUNTY.....	6	21	78, 79	3	2	5	CLINTON COUNTY	4	33	93	4	29	65A
Bainbridge Twp.	6	21	79	3	2	5	CRAWFORD COUNTY	1	36	103	4	46	87C
Benton Charter Twp.	6	21	79	3	2	5	DELTA COUNTY	1	38	108	4	47	94
Benton Harbor City.....	6	21	79	3	2	5	DICKINSON COUNTY	1	38	108	4	41	95B
Bridgeman City.....	6	21	79	3	2	5	EATON COUNTY.....	7	24	65, 71	3	56	56A
Coloma City.....	6	21	79	3	2	5	Brookfield Twp.	7	24	65	3	56	56A
Coloma Twp.	6	21	79	3	2	5	Eaton Rapids City	7	24	65	3	56	56A
Hagar Twp.	6	21	79	3	2	5	Eaton Twp.	7	24	65, 71	3	56	56A
Lake Charter Twp.	6	21	79	3	2	5	Hamlin Twp.	7	24	65	3	56	56A
Lincoln Twp.	6	21	79	3	2	5	Lansing City	7	24	71	3	56	56A
Niles City.....	6	21	78	3	2	5	(also see Ingham Co.)						
(also see Cass Co.)							Balance of county.....	7	24	71	3	56	56A
Royalton Twp.	6	21	79	3	2	5	EMMET COUNTY	1	37	107	4	57	90
St. Joseph Charter Twp.	6	21	79	3	2	5	GENESEE COUNTY.....	5	26, 27	34, 48-51	2	7	67, 68
St. Joseph City.....	6	21	79	3	2	5	Argentine Twp.	5	27	51	2	7	67
Watervliet City.....	6	21	79	3	2	5	Atlas Twp.	5	26	51	2	7	67
Watervliet Twp.	6	21	79	3	2	5	Burton City	5	26	50	2	7	67
Balance of county.....	6	21	78	3	2	5	Clayton Twp.	5	27	51	2	7	67
BRANCH COUNTY.....	7	16	58	3	15	3A	Clio City.....	5	26	48	2	7	67
CALHOUN COUNTY.....	3	19	62, 63	1	37	10	Davison City.....	5	26	48	2	7	67
Albion City.....	3	19	62	1	37	10	Davison Twp.	5	26	48	2	7	67
Albion Twp.	3	19	62	1	37	10	Fenton City.....	5	27	51	2	7	67
Battle Creek City	3	19	62	1	37	10	Fenton Twp.	5	27	51	2	7	67

Governmental Unit	C	SS	SH	AC	CC	DC	Governmental Unit	C	SS	SH	AC	CC	DC
Flint City	5	27	34, 49	2	7	68	Charleston Twp.	6	20	63	3	9	8
Flint Twp.	5	27	49	2	7	68	Climax Twp.	6	20	63	3	9	8
Flushing City	5	27	49	2	7	67	Comstock Twp.	6	20	63	3	9	8
Flushing Twp.	5	27	51	2	7	67	Cooper Twp.	6	20	66	3	9	8
Forest Twp.	5	26	48	2	7	67	Galesburg City	6	20	63	3	9	8
Gaines Twp.	5	27	51	2	7	67	Kalamazoo City	6	20	60	3	9	8
Genesee Twp.	5	27	48	2	7	67	Kalamazoo Twp.	6	20	60, 63	3	9	8
Grand Blanc City	5	26	50	2	7	67	Oshtemo Twp.	6	20	61	3	9	8
Grand Blanc Twp.	5	26	50	2	7	67	Parchment City	6	20	66	3	9	8
Linden City	5	27	51	2	7	67	Pavilion Twp.	6	20	63	3	9	8
Montrose City	5	27	48	2	7	67	Portage City	6	20	60, 61	3	9	8
Montrose Twp.	5	27	48	2	7	67	Prairie Ronde Twp.	6	20	61	3	9	8
Mt. Morris City	5	26	49	2	7	67	Richland Twp.	6	20	63	3	9	8
Mt. Morris Twp.	5	26	49	2	7	67	Ross Twp.	6	20	63	3	9	8
Mundy Twp.	5	27	50	2	7	67	Schoolcraft Twp.	6	20	61	3	9	8
Richfield Twp.	5	26	48	2	7	67	Texas Twp.	6	20	61	3	9	8
Swartz Creek City	5	27	49	2	7	67	Wakeshma Twp.	6	20	63	3	9	8
Thetford Twp.	5	26	48	2	7	67	KALKASKA COUNTY	1	35	103	4	46	87
Vienna Twp.	5	26	48	2	7	67	KENT COUNTY	2, 3	28-30	72-77, 86	3	17	59, 61, 62A/B, 63
GLADWIN COUNTY	4	36	97	4	55	80	Ada Twp.	3	28	86	3	17	63
GOGEBIC COUNTY	1	38	110	4	32	98	Algoma Twp.	3	28	74	3	17	63
GRAND TRAVERSE CO.	1	37	104	4	13	86	Alpine Twp.	3	28	74	3	17	63
GRATIOT COUNTY	4	32	70, 93	4	29	65B	Bowne Twp.	3	28	86	3	17	63
Alma City	4	32	70	4	29	65B	Byron Twp.	2, 3	28	77	3	17	63
Arcada Twp.	4	32	70	4	29	65B	Caledonia Twp.	3	28	86	3	17	63
Bethany Twp.	4	32	70	4	29	65B	Cannon Twp.	3	28	73	3	17	63
Emerson Twp.	4	32	70, 93	4	29	65B	Cascade Twp.	3	29	86	3	17	63
Pine River Twp.	4	32	70	4	29	65B	Cedar Springs City	3	28	74	3	17	63
Seville Twp.	4	32	70	4	29	65B	Courtland Twp.	3	28	73	3	17	63
St. Louis City	4	32	70	4	29	65B	East Grand Rapids City	3	28	73	3	17	63
Balance of county	4	32	93	4	29	65B	Gaines Twp.	3	28	72	3	17	63
HILLSDALE COUNTY	7	16	58	1	1	2B	Grand Rapids City	3	29	75, 76	3	17	61
HOUGHTON COUNTY	1	38	110	4	12	97	Grand Rapids Twp.	3	28	73	3	17	63
HURON COUNTY	10	31	84	4	52	73B	Grandville City	2	30	74	3	17	59
INGHAM COUNTY	8	22, 23	67-69	4	30	55	Grattan Twp.	3	29	86	3	17	63
Alaiedon Twp.	8	23	67	4	30	55	Kentwood City	2	29	72	3	17	62B
Aurelius Twp.	8	23	67	4	30	55	Lowell City	3	29	86	3	17	63
Delhi Charter Twp.	8	23	67	4	30	54B	Lowell Twp.	3	29	86	3	17	63
East Lansing City	8	23	69	4	30	55	Nelson Twp.	3	28	73	3	17	63
Ingham Twp.	8	23	67	4	30	55	Oakfield Twp.	3	28	73	3	17	63
Lansing City	8	23	67-69	4	30	55	Plainfield Twp.	3	28	73	3	17	63
(also see Eaton Co.)							Rockford City	3	28	74	3	17	63
Lansing Twp.	8	23	68	4	30	54A	Solon Twp.	3	28	74	3	17	63
Leroy Twp.	8	23	67	4	30	55	Sparta Twp.	3	30	74	3	17	63
Locke Twp.	8	23	69	4	30	55	Spencer Twp.	3	28	73	3	17	63
Meridian Twp.	8	23	69	4	30	55	Tyrone Twp.	3	28	74	3	17	63
Onondaga Twp.	8	23	67	4	30	55	Vergennes Twp.	3	29	86	3	17	63
Wheatfield Twp.	8	23	67	4	30	55	Walker City	2	28	74	3	17	59
White Oak Twp.	8	23	67	4	30	55	Wyoming City	2	28	77	3	17	62A
Williamston City	8	23	67	4	30	55	KEWEENAW COUNTY	1	38	110	4	12	97
Williamston Twp.	8	23	69	4	30	55	LAKE COUNTY	2	35	100	4	51	79
Balance of county	8	22	67	4	30	55	LAPEER COUNTY	10	25	82	4	40	71A
IONIA COUNTY	3	33	86, 87	3	8	64A	LEELANAU COUNTY	1	35	101	4	13	86
Belding City	3	33	86	3	8	64A	LENAWEE COUNTY	7	16	57, 65	1	39	2A
Berlin Twp.	3	33	86, 87	3	8	64A	Cambridge Twp.	7	16	65	1	39	2A
Easton Twp.	3	33	86	3	8	64A	Balance of county	7	16	57	1	39	2A
Ionia City	3	33	86, 87	3	8	64A	LIVINGSTON COUNTY	8	22	42, 47	4	44	53
Ionia Twp.	3	33	86	3	8	64A	Brighton City	8	22	42	4	44	53
Orleans Twp.	3	33	86	3	8	64A	Brighton Twp.	8	22	42	4	44	53
Balance of county	3	33	87	3	8	64A	Genoa Twp.	8	22	42	4	44	53
IOSCO COUNTY	5	36	106	4	23	81	Green Oak Twp.	8	22	42	4	44	53
IRON COUNTY	1	38	110	4	41	95B	Hamburg Twp.	8	22	42	4	44	53
ISABELLA COUNTY	4	33	99	4	21	76	Putnam Twp.	8	22	42	4	44	53
JACKSON COUNTY	7	17, 19	64, 65	3	4	12	Balance of county	8	22	47	4	44	53
Concord Twp.	7	19	64	3	4	12	LUCE COUNTY	1	38	109	4	11	92
Grass Lake Twp.	7	17	65	3	4	12	MACKINAC COUNTY	1	37	107	4	11	92
Hanover Twp.	7	19	64	3	4	12	MACOMB COUNTY	9, 10	9-11	18, 22, 24, 25, 28, 30-33, 36	2	16	37-40, 41A/B, 42
Jackson City	7	19	64, 65	3	4	12	Armada Twp.	10	11	33	2	16	42
Leoni Twp.	7	17	65	3	4	12	Bruce Twp.	10	11	36	2	16	42
Napoleon Twp.	7	19	64	3	4	12	Center Line City	9	9	28	2	16	37
Norvell Twp.	7	17	65	3	4	12	Chesterfield Twp.	10	11	32	2	16	42
Parma Twp.	7	19	64	3	4	12	Clinton Twp.	9	10	24, 31	2	16	41B
Pulaski Twp.	7	19	64	3	4	12	Eastpointe City	9	9	18	2	16	38
Sandstone Twp.	7	19	64	3	4	12	Fraser City	9	9	31	2	16	39
Spring Arbor Twp.	7	19	64	3	4	12	Harrison Twp.	10	11	24	2	16	41B
Summit Twp.	7	17	64	3	4	12	Lenox Twp.	10	11	33	2	16	42
Balance of county	7	19	65	3	4	12	Macomb Twp.	10	11	24	2	16	41A
KALAMAZOO COUNTY	6	20	60, 61, 63, 66	3	9	8							
Alamo Twp.	6	20	66	3	9	8							
Brady Twp.	6	20	63	3	9	8							

Governmental Unit	C	SS	SH	AC	CC	DC	Governmental Unit	C	SS	SH	AC	CC	DC
Memphis City	10	11	35	2	16	42	Commerce Twp.	11	15	39	2	6	52
(also see St. Clair Co.)							Farmington City.....	11	14	37	2	6	47
Mt. Clemens City.....	9	11	31	2	16	41B	Farmington Hills City	14	14	37	2	6	47
New Baltimore City.....	10	11	32	2	16	42	Ferndale City.....	9	14	27	2	6	43
Ray Twp.	10	11	33	2	16	42	Fenton City.....	8	15	51	2	6	52
Richmond City.....	10	11	33	2	16	42	(also see Genesee Co.)						
(also see St. Clair Co.)							Groveland Twp.	8	26	51	2	6	52
Richmond Twp.	10	11	33	2	16	42	Hazel Park City	9	14	27	2	6	43
Roseville City	9	10	22	2	16	39	Highland Twp.	11	15	44	2	6	52
Shelby Twp.	10	11	30	2	16	41A	Holly Twp.	8	15	51	2	6	52
St. Clair Shores City.....	9	9	18	2	16	40	Huntington Woods City	9	14	27	2	6	45B
Sterling Heights City.....	9, 10	10	25, 30	2	16	41A	Independence Twp.	8	12	43	2	6	52
Utica City.....	10	10	30	2	16	41A	Keego Harbor City.....	14	12	29	2	6	48
Village of Grosse Point Shores..	9	9	18	2	16	M	Lake Angelus City.....	11	12	43	2	6	52
(also see Wayne Co.)							Lathrup Village City.....	14	14	35	2	6	46
Warren City	9	9	22, 25, 28	2	16	37	Lyon Twp.	11	15	38	2	6	52
Washington Twp.	10	11	36	2	16	42	Madison Heights City	9	13	26	2	6	43
MANISTEE COUNTY.....	1	35	101	4	19	85	Milford Twp.	11	15	44	2	6	52
MARQUETTE COUNTY.....	1	38	109, 110	4	25	96	Northville City	11	15	38	2	6	35
Ishpeming Twp.	1	38	110	4	25	96	(also see Wayne Co.)						
Powell Twp.	1	38	110	4	25	96	Novi City.....	11	15	38	2	6	52
Balance of county.....	1	38	109	4	25	96	Novi Twp.	11	15	38	2	6	52
MASON COUNTY.....	1, 2	34	101	4	51	79	Oakland Twp.	8	12	45, 46	2	6	52
Freesoil Twp.	1	34	101	4	51	79	Oak Park City.....	14	14	27	2	6	45B
Grant Twp.	1	34	101	4	51	79	Orchard Lake Village City	14	15	29	2	6	48
Hamlin Twp.	1, 2	34	101	4	51	79	Orion Twp.	8	12	46	2	6	52
Meade Twp.	1	34	101	4	51	79	Oxford Twp.	8	12	46	2	6	52
Sheridan Twp.	1	34	101	4	51	79	Pleasant Ridge City.....	9	14	27	2	6	45B
Sherman Twp.	1	34	101	4	51	79	Pontiac City.....	14	12	29	2	6	50
Victory Twp.	1	34	101	4	51	79	Rochester City.....	8	12	45	2	6	52
Balance of county	2	34	101	4	51	79	Rochester Hills City.....	8, 11	12	45	2	6	52
MECOSTA COUNTY.....	4	35	102	4	49	77	Rose Twp.	8	15	51	2	6	52
MENOMINEE COUNTY.....	1	38	108	4	41	95A	Royal Oak City	9	13	26	2	6	44
MIDLAND COUNTY.....	4	36	98, 99	4	42	75	Royal Oak Twp.	14	14	27	2	6	44
Homer Twp.	4	36	98	4	42	75	Southfield City.....	14	14	35	2	6	46
Jerome Twp.	4	36	98	4	42	75	Southfield Twp.	9	14	40	2	6	46
Larkin Twp.	4	36	98	4	42	75	South Lyon City.....	11	15	38	2	6	52
Lee Twp.	4	36	98	4	42	75	Springfield Twp.	8	26	44	2	6	52
Lincoln Twp.	4	36	98	4	42	75	Sylvan Lake City	14	12	29	2	6	48
Midland City	4	36	98	4	42	75	Troy City.....	11	13	41	2	6	52
(also see Bay Co.)							Village of Clarkston City.....	8	12	43	2	6	52
Midland Twp.	4	36	98	4	42	75	Walled Lake City	11	15	38	2	6	52
Balance of county.....	4	36	99	4	42	75	Waterford Twp.	11	26	43, 44	2	6	51
MISSAUKEE COUNTY.....	4	35	103	4	28	84	West Bloomfield Twp.	11, 14	12, 15	39, 40	2	6	48
MONROE COUNTY.....	7	17	17, 56	1	38	1	White Lake Twp.	11	15	44	2	6	52
Ash Twp.	7	17	17	1	38	1	Wixom City.....	11	15	39	2	6	52
Berlin Twp.	7	17	17	1	38	1	OCEANA COUNTY.....	2	34	100	4	27	78
Exeter Twp.	7	17	17	1	38	1	OGEMAW COUNTY.....	4	36	103	4	34	82
Frenchtown Twp.	7	17	17	1	38	1	ONTONAGON COUNTY.....	1	38	110	4	32	98
London Twp.	7	17	17	1	38	1	OSCEOLA COUNTY.....	4	35	97, 102	4	49	77
Milan City	7	17	56	1	38	1	Burdell Twp.	4	35	102	4	49	77
(also see Washtenaw Co.)							Cedar Twp.	4	35	102	4	49	77
Monroe City.....	7	17	17	1	38	1	Hartwick Twp.	4	35	102	4	49	77
Monroe Twp.	7	17	17, 56	1	38	1	Leroy Twp.	4	35	102	4	49	77
Balance of county.....	7	17	56	1	38	1	Lincoln Twp.	4	35	102	4	49	77
MONTCALM COUNTY.....	3, 4	33	70	4	8	64B	Reed City	4	35	102	4	49	77
Eureka Twp.	3	33	70	4	8	64B	Richmond Twp.	4	35	102	4	49	77
Greenville City.....	3, 4	33	70	4	8	64B	Rose Lake Twp.	4	35	102	4	49	77
Balance of county.....	4	33	70	4	8	64B	Balance of county.....	4	35	97	4	49	77
MONTMORENCY COUNTY.....	1	36	105	4	26	88	OSCODA COUNTY.....	1	36	105	4	23	81
MUSKEGON COUNTY.....	2	34	91, 92	3	14	60	OTSEGO COUNTY.....	1	36	105	4	46	87A
Fruitland Twp.	2	34	92	3	14	60	OTTAWA COUNTY.....	2	30	88-90	3	20	58
Laketon Twp.	2	34	92	3	14	60	Chester Twp.	2	30	88	3	20	58
Muskegon City	2	34	92	3	14	60	Coopersville City	2	30	88	3	20	58
Muskegon Twp.	2	34	92	3	14	60	Georgetown Twp.	2	30	88	3	20	58
Muskegon Heights City	2	34	92	3	14	60	Holland City.....	2	30	90	3	20	58
North Muskegon City.....	2	34	92	3	14	60	(also see Allegan Co.)						
Whitehall Twp.	2	34	92	3	14	60	Holland Twp.	2	30	90	3	20	58
Balance of county.....	2	34	91	3	14	60	Hudsonville City	2	30	90	3	20	58
NEWAYGO COUNTY.....	2	34	100	3	27	78	Jamestown Twp.	2	30	90	3	20	58
OAKLAND COUNTY.....	8, 9, 11, 14	12-15, 26	26, 27, 29, 35, 37-41, 43-46, 51	2	6	35, 43, 44, 45A/B, 46-48, 50-52	Polkton Twp.	2	30	88	3	20	58
Addison Twp.	8	12	46	2	6	52	Tallmadge Twp.	2	30	88	3	20	58
Auburn Hills City.....	11	12	29	2	6	52	Wright Twp.	2	30	88	3	20	58
Berkley City.....	9	13	27	2	6	45A	Zeeland City.....	2	30	90	3	20	58
Birmingham City.....	11	13	40	2	6	48	Zeeland Twp.	2	30	90	3	20	58
Bloomfield Hills City	11	13	40	2	6	48	Balance of county.....	2	30	89	3	20	58
Bloomfield Twp.	9	13	40	2	6	48	PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY.....	1	37	106	4	53	89
Brandon Twp.	8	26	46	2	6	52	ROSCOMMON COUNTY.....	4	35	103	4	34	83
Clawson City	9, 11	13	41	2	6	52	SAGINAW COUNTY.....	4, 5	32	85, 94, 95	4	10	70
							Albee Twp.	4	32	94	4	10	70
							Birch Run Twp.	4	32	94	4	10	70

Governmental Unit	C	SS	SH	AC	CC	DC	Governmental Unit	C	SS	SH	AC	CC	DC
Blumfield Twp.	5	32	94	4	10	70	Freedom Twp.	7	18	52	3	22	14A
Brady Twp.	4	32	85	4	10	70	Lima Twp.	7	18	52	3	22	14A
Brant Twp.	4	32	85	4	10	70	Lodi Twp.	7	17	52	3	22	14A
Bridgeport Twp.	5	32	95	4	10	70	Lyndon Twp.	7	18	52	3	22	14A
Buena Vista Twp.	5	32	95	4	10	70	Manchester Twp.	7	17	52	3	22	14A
Carrollton Twp.	5	32	95	4	10	70	Milan City	7	17	55	3	22	14A
Chapin Twp.	4	32	85	4	10	70	(also see Monroe Co.)						
Chesaning Twp.	4	32	85	4	10	70	Northfield Twp.	7	18	52	3	22	14A
Frankenmuth City.....	4	32	94	4	10	70	Pittsfield Twp.	7,12	17,18	52, 53, 55	3	22	14A
Frankenmuth Twp.	4	32	94	4	10	70	Salem Twp.	7	18	52	3	22	14A
Fremont Twp.	4	32	85	4	10	70	Saline City.....	7	17	52	3	22	14A
James Twp.	4	32	95	4	10	70	Saline Twp.	7	17	52	3	22	14A
Jonesfield Twp.	4	32	85	4	10	70	Scio Twp.	7,12	18	52, 53	3	22	14A
Kochville Twp.	4	32	95	4	10	70	Sharon Twp.	7	18	52	3	22	14A
Lakefield Twp.	4	32	85	4	10	70	Superior Twp.	12	18	54	3	22	14A
Maple Grove Twp.	4	32	85	4	10	70	Sylvan Twp.	7	18	52	3	22	14A
Marion Twp.	4	32	85	4	10	70	Webster Twp.	7	18	52	3	22	14A
Richland Twp.	4	32	85	4	10	70	York Twp.	7	17	55	3	22	14A
Saginaw City.....	5	32	95	4	10	70	Ypsilanti City	12	18	54	3	22	14A
Saginaw Twp.	4, 5	32	94	4	10	70	Ypsilanti Twp.	12	18	54	3	22	14B
Spaulding Twp.	5	32	95	4	10	70	WAYNE COUNTY.....	11-14	1-8	1-17, 19-21, 23	1	3	16-36 (incl. 32A)
St. Charles Twp.	4	32	94	4	10	70	Allen Park City.....	12	8	13	1	3	24
Swan Creek Twp.	4	32	94	4	10	70	Belleville City.....	12	7	21	1	3	34
Taymouth Twp.	4	32	94	4	10	70	Brownstown Twp.	12	7	23	1	3	33
Thomas Twp.	4	32	94	4	10	70	Canton Twp.	11	7	20, 21	1	3	35
Tittabawassee Twp.	4	32	95	4	10	70	Dearborn City.....	12	3	9, 15	1	3	19
Zilwaukee City.....	5	32	95	4	10	70	Dearborn Heights City.....	12, 13	5	11, 13	1	3	20
Zilwaukee Twp.	5	32	95	4	10	70	Detroit City	13, 14	1-4	1-10	1	3	36
SANILAC COUNTY.....	10	31	83	4	24	73A	Ecorse City.....	13	8	6	1	3	26
SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY.....	1	38	109	4	11	93	Flat Rock City.....	12	7	17	1	3	33
SHIAWASSEE COUNTY.....	4	22	85	2	35	66	Garden City	13	6	11	1	3	21
ST. CLAIR COUNTY.....	10	25	32, 81, 83	4	31	72	Gibraltar City	12	7	23	1	3	33
Burtchville Twp.	10	25	83	4	31	72	Grosse Ile Twp.	12	7	23	1	3	33
Casco Twp.	10	25	32	4	31	72	Grosse Pointe City	14	2	2	1	3	M
Columbus Twp.	10	25	32	4	31	72	Grosse Pointe Farms City.....	14	2	2	1	3	M
Fort Gratiot Twp.	10	25	83	4	31	72	Grosse Pointe Park City.....	14	2	2	1	3	M
Ira Twp.	10	25	32	4	31	72	Grosse Pointe Woods City.....	14	2	1	1	3	M
Kenockee Twp.	10	25	32	4	31	72	Hamtramck City.....	14	2	4	1	3	31
Kimball Twp.	10	25	32	4	31	72	Harper Woods City.....	14	2	1	1	3	32A
Memphis City	10	25	32	4	31	72	Highland Park City	13	2	7	1	3	30
(also see Macomb Co.)							Huron Twp.	12	7	23	1	3	34
Port Huron City.....	10	25	83	4	31	72	Inkster City	13	5	11	1	3	22
Richmond City.....	10	25	32	4	31	72	Lincoln Park City	12	8	14	1	3	25
(also see Macomb Co.)							Livonia City.....	11	6	11, 19	1	3	16
Riley Twp.	10	25	32	4	31	72	Melvindale City.....	13	8	14	1	3	16-36(32A)
Wales Twp.	10	25	32	4	31	72	Northville City	11	7	20	1	3	35
Balance of county.....	10	25	81	4	31	72	(also see Oakland Co.)						
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY.....	6	16	59	3	45	3B	Northville Twp.	11	7	20	1	3	35
TUSCOLA COUNTY.....	5, 10	31	84	4	54	71B	Plymouth City	11	7	20	1	3	35
Arbela Twp.	5	31	84	4	54	71B	Plymouth Twp.	11	7	20	1	3	35
Denmark Twp.	5	31	84	4	54	71B	Redford Twp.	13	6	10	1	3	17
Gilford Twp.	5	31	84	4	54	71B	River Rouge City	13	3	6	1	3	26
Millington Twp.	5	31	84	4	54	71B	Riverview City	12	8	14	1	3	27
Tuscola Twp.	5	31	84	4	54	71B	Rockwood City	12	7	17	1	3	33
Vassar City.....	5	31	84	4	54	71B	Romulus City.....	13	8	12	1	3	34
Vassar Twp.	5, 10	31	84	4	54	71B	Southgate City.....	12	8	13	1	3	28
Balance of county.....	10	31	84	4	54	71B	Sumpter Twp.	12	7	17	1	3	34
VAN BUREN COUNTY.....	6	20, 21	66	3	36	7	Taylor City.....	12	8	12	1	3	23
Antwerp Twp.	6	20	66	3	36	7	Trenton City.....	12	7	23	1	3	33
Paw Paw Twp.	6	20	66	3	36	7	Van Buren Twp.	12	7	12, 21	1	3	34
Balance of county.....	6	21	66	3	36	7	Village of Grosse Point Shores City ..	14	1	1	1	3	M
Note: The City of South Haven is in both Van Buren and Allegan Counties.							(also see Macomb Co.)						
WASHTENAW COUNTY.....	7, 12	17, 18	52-55	3	22	14A/B, 15	Wayne City.....	13	8	16	1	3	29
Ann Arbor City.....	12	18	52, 53, 55	3	22	15	Westland City	13	6	11, 16	1	3	18
Ann Arbor Twp.	12	18	53, 55	3	22	14A	Woodhaven City.....	12	7	23	1	3	33
Augusta Twp.	7	18	55	3	22	14A	Wyandotte City.....	12	8	14	1	3	27
Bridgewater Twp.	7	17	52	3	22	14A	WEXFORD COUNTY.....	4	35	102	4	28	84
Chelsea City	7	18	52	3	22	14A							
Dexter Twp.	7	18	52	3	22	14A							

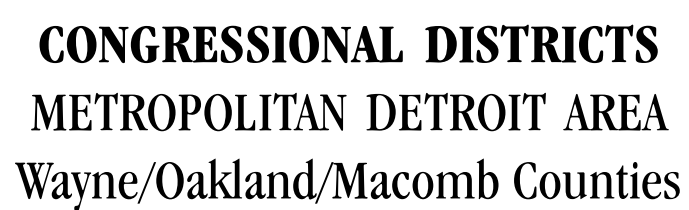
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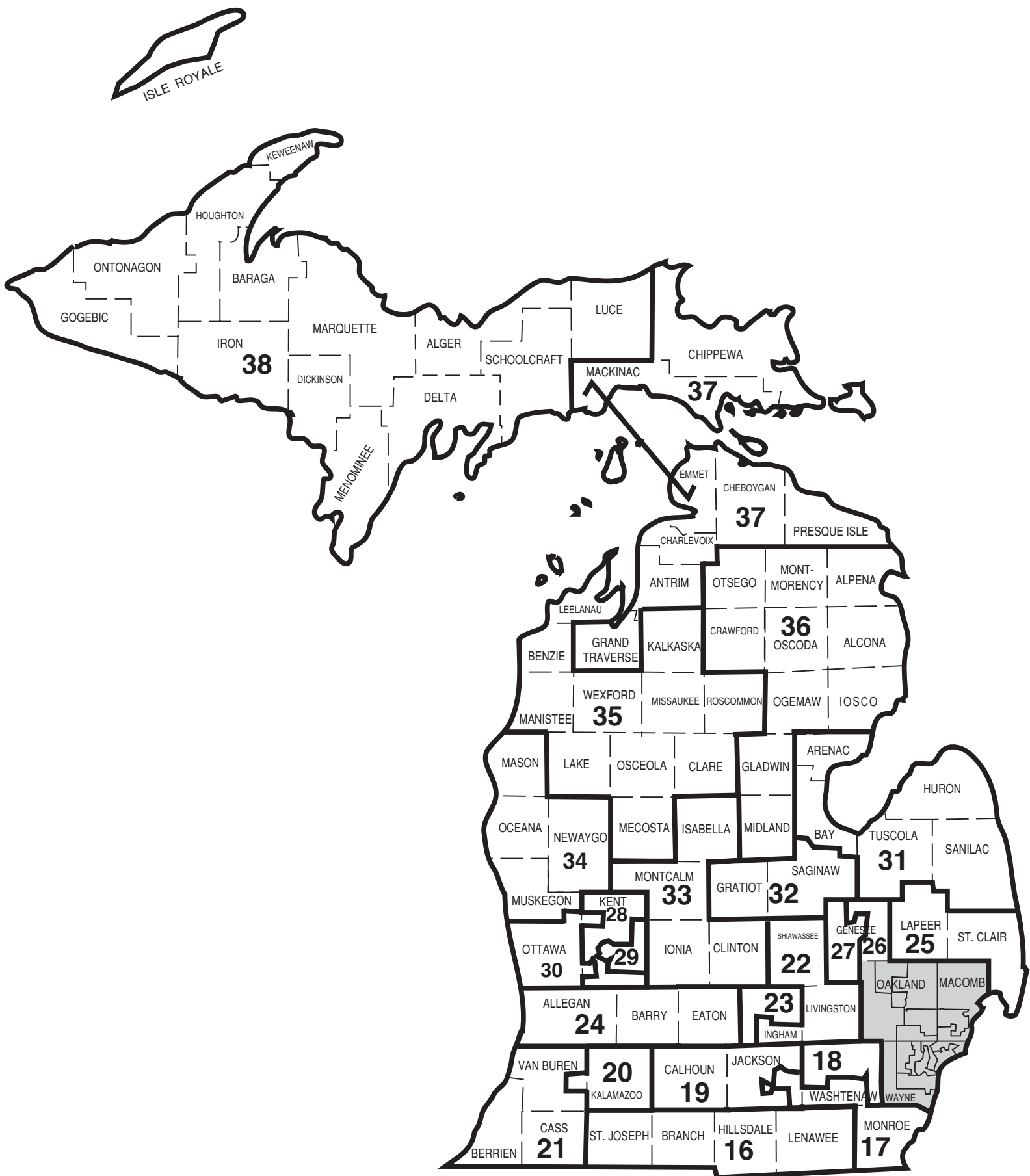
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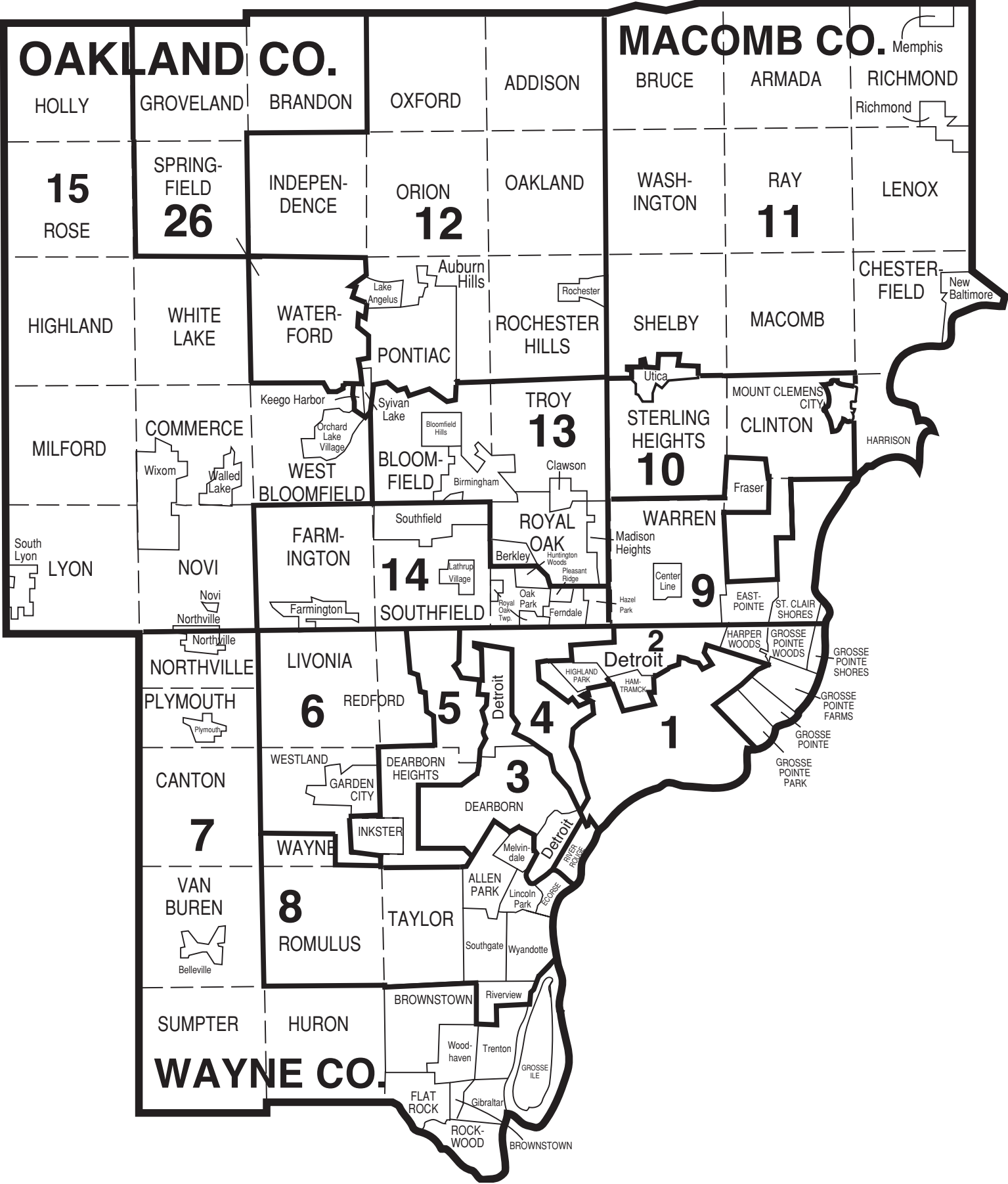
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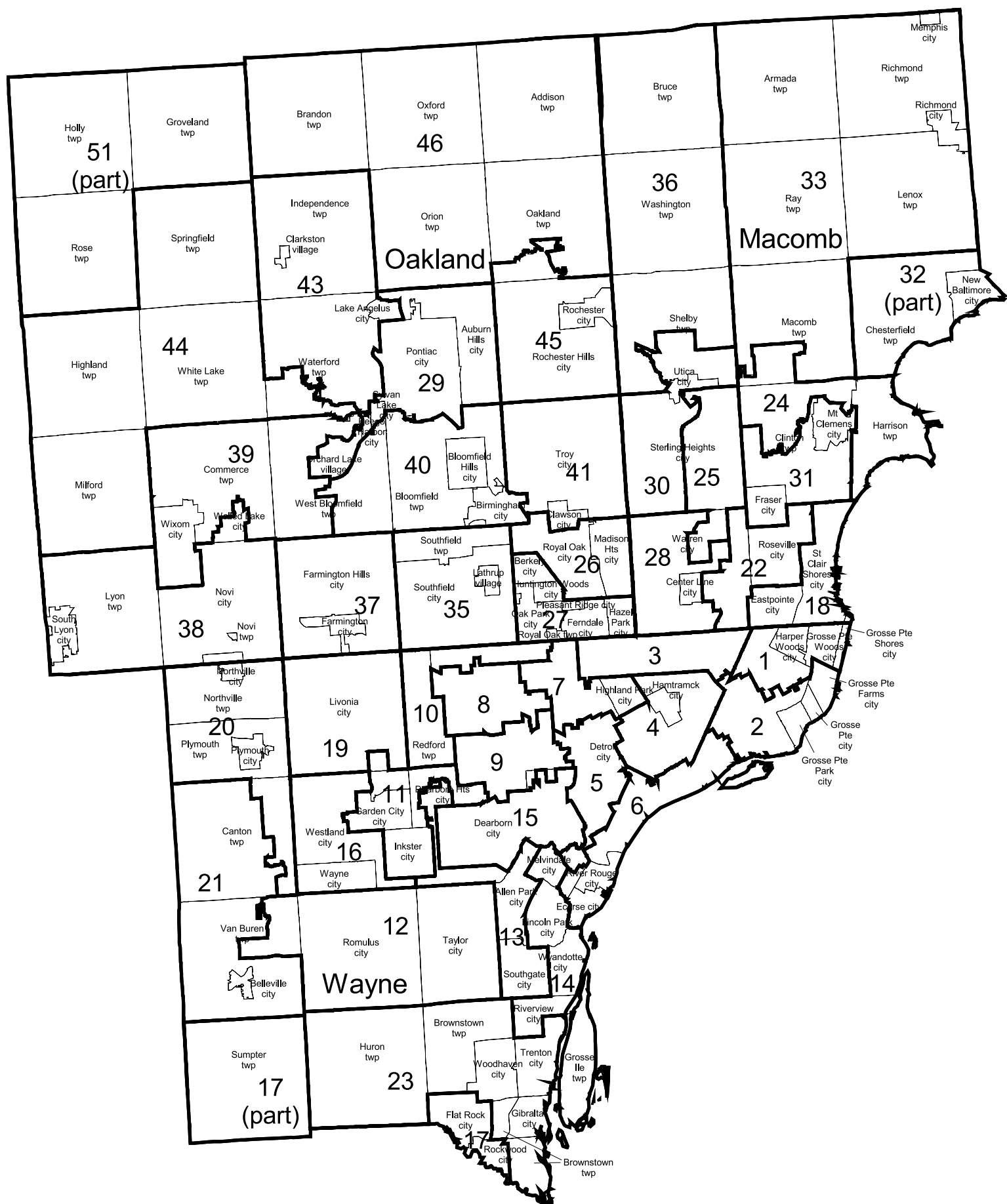
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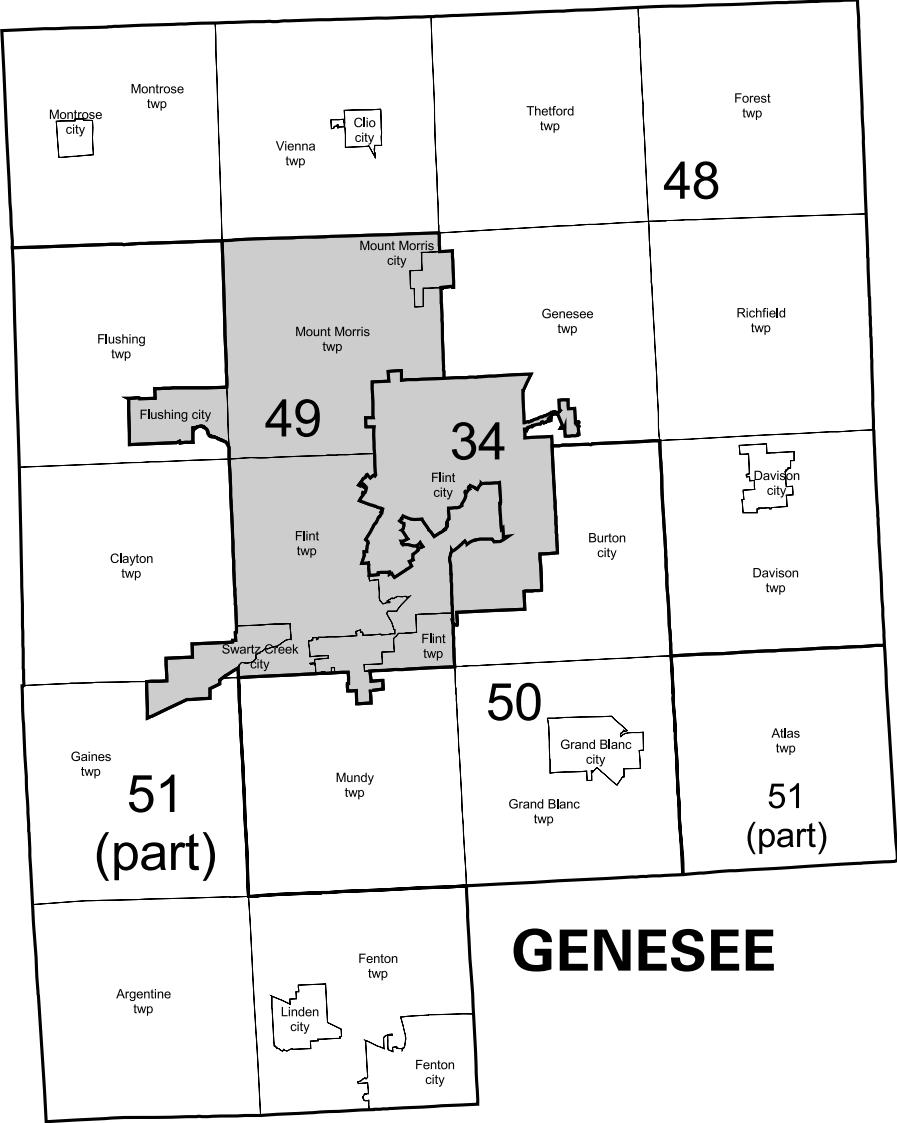


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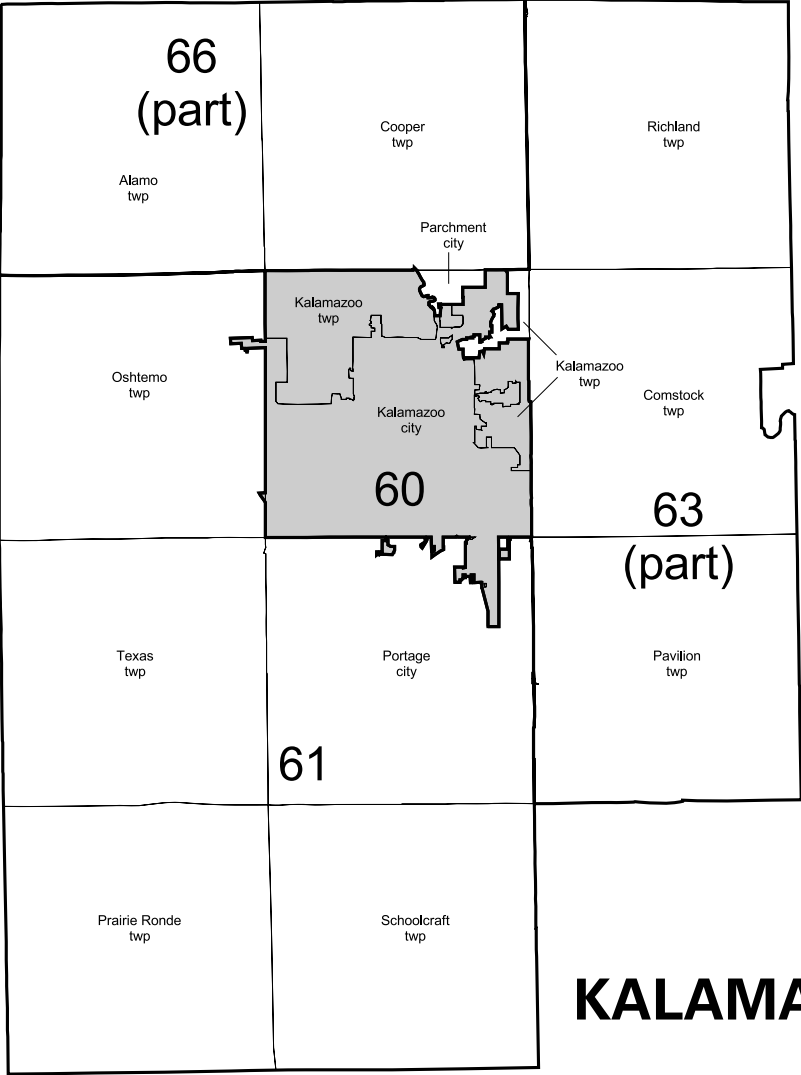


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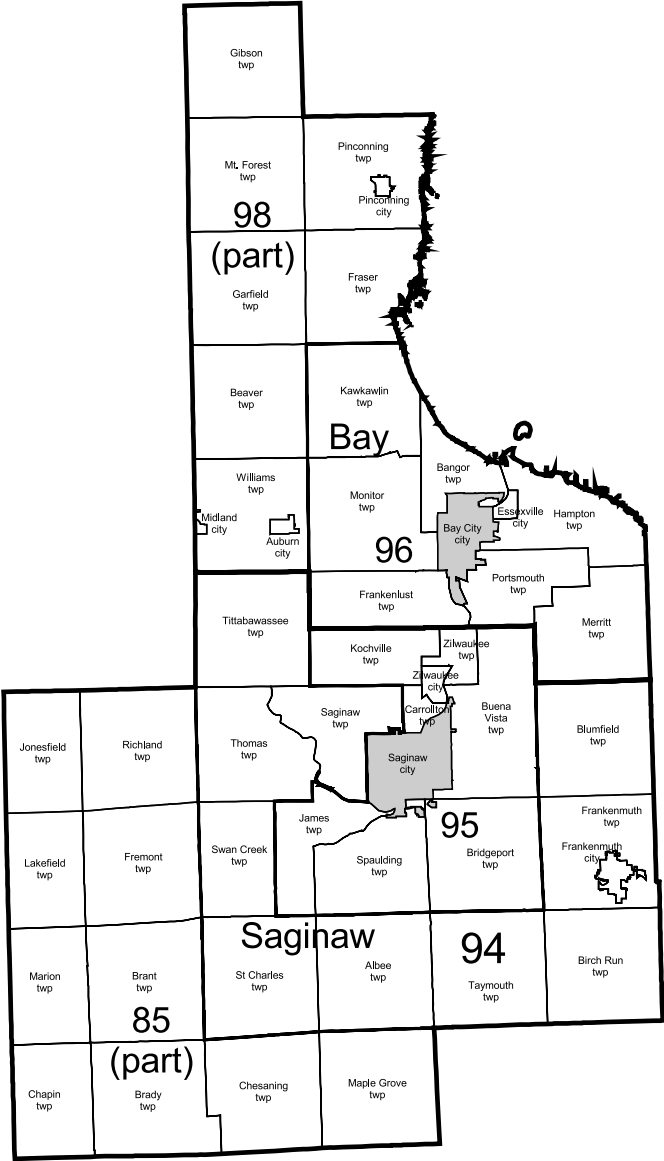


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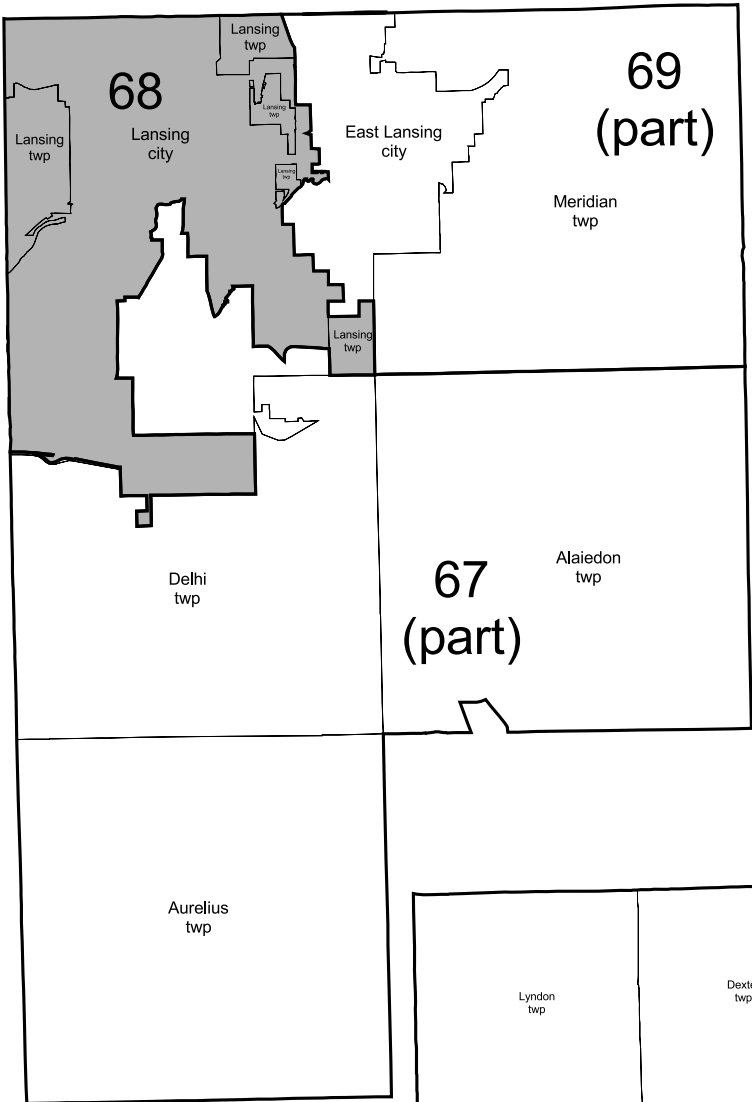


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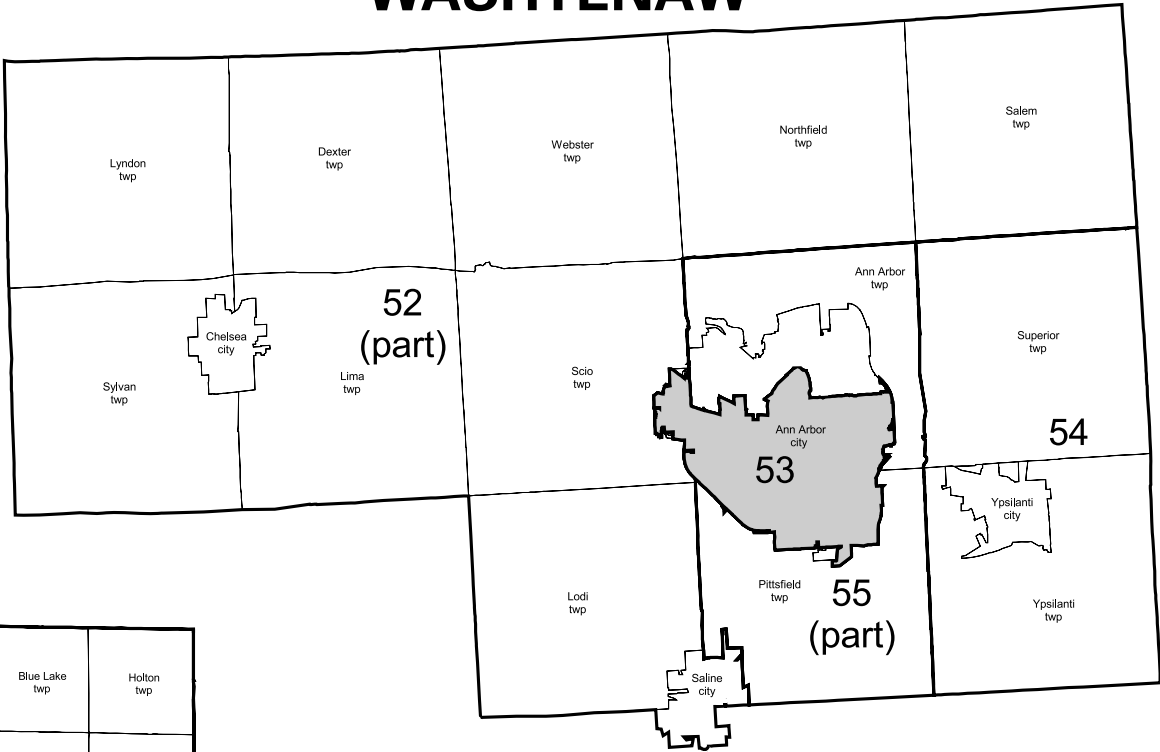
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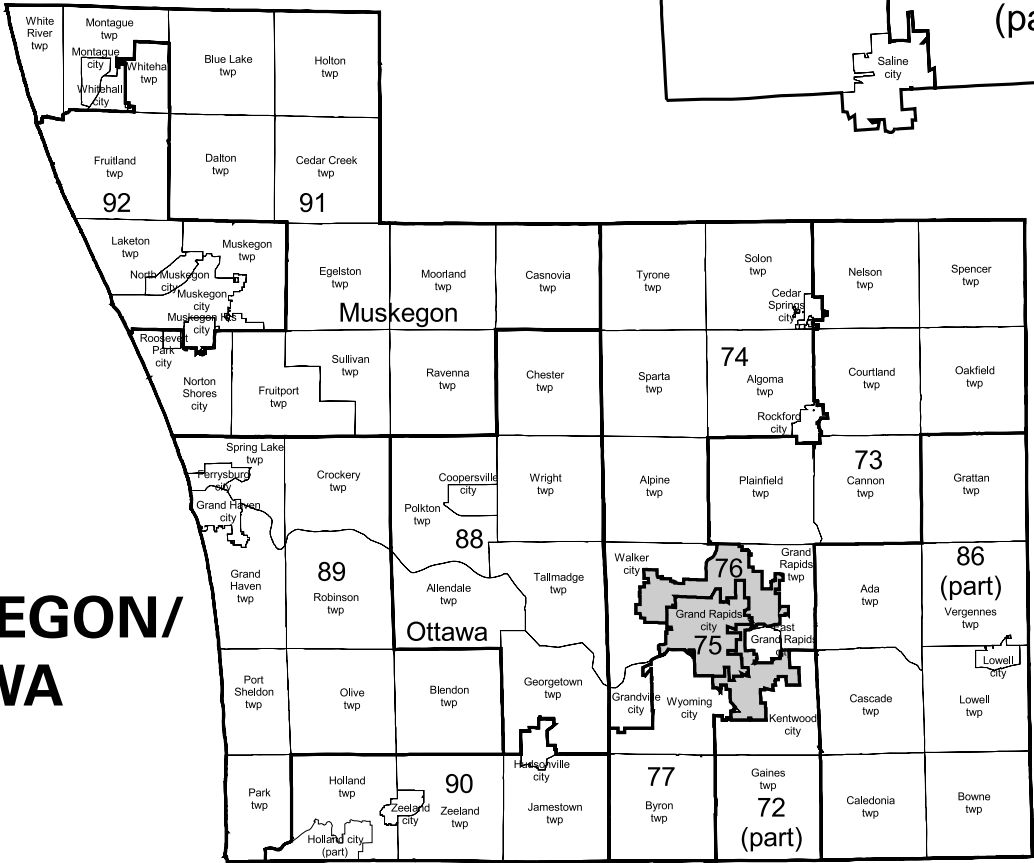


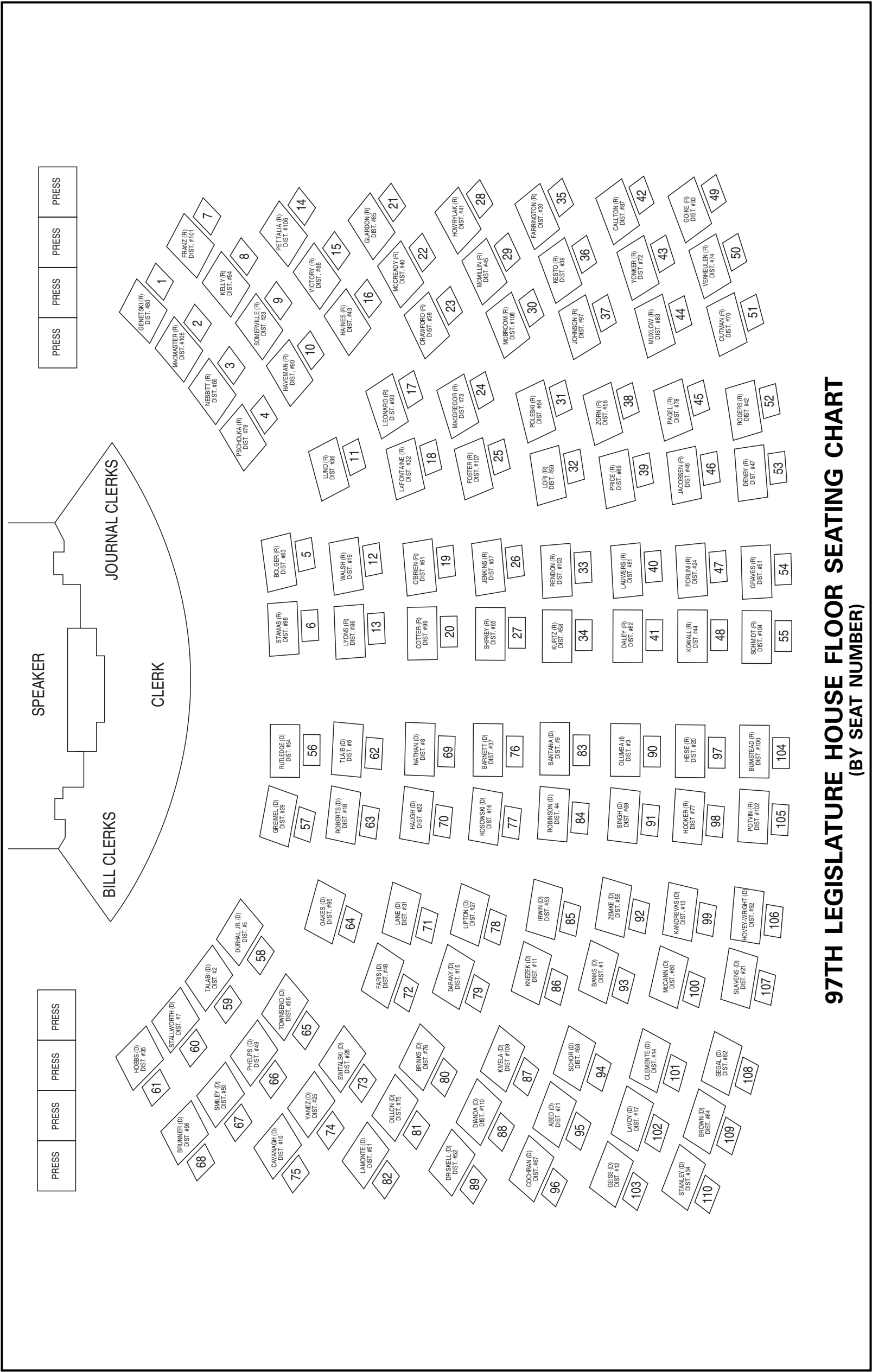
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2	Alberta Tinsley-Talabi	D	2	57	Nancy Jenkins	R	2
3	John Olumba	I	2	58	Kenneth Kurtz	R	3
4	Rose Mary C. Robinson	D	1	59	Matt Lori	R	3
5	Fred Durhal, Jr.	D	3*	60	Sean McCann	D	2
6	Rashida Tlaib	D	3	61	Margaret E. O'Brien	R	2
7	Thomas F. Stallworth III	D	2	62	Kate Segal	D	3
8	David Nathan	D	3	63	Jase Bolger	R	3
9	Harvey Santana	D	2	64	Earl Poleski	R	2
10	Phil Cavanagh	D	2	65	Mike Shirkey	R	2*
11	David Knezek	D	1	66	Aric Nesbitt	R	2
12	Douglas A. Geiss	D	3	67	Tom Cochran	D	1
13	Andrew J. Kandrevas	D	3	68	Andy Schor	D	1
14	Paul Clemente	D	2	69	Sam Singh	D	1
15	George T. Darany	D	2	70	Rick Outman	R	2
16	Robert L. Kosowski	D	1	71	Theresa Abed	D	1
17	Bill LaVoy	D	1	72	Ken Yonker	R	2
18	Sarah Roberts	D	2	73	Peter MacGregor	R	2
19	John Walsh	R	3	74	Rob VerHeulen	R	1
20	Kurt Heise	R	2	75	Brandon Dillon	D	2
21	Dian Slavens	D	3	76	Winnie Brinks	D	1
22	Harold Haugh	D	3	77	Thomas B. Hooker	R	2
23	Pat Somerville	R	2	78	Dave Pagel	R	1
24	Anthony G. Forlini	R	2	79	Al Pscholka	R	2
25	Henry Yanez	D	1	80	Bob Genetski	R	3
26	Jim Townsend	D	2	81	Dan Lauwers	R	1
27	Ellen Cogen Lipton	D	3	82	Kevin Daley	R	3
28	Jon Switalski	D	3	83	Paul Muxlow	R	2
29	Tim Greimel	D	1*	84	Terry L. Brown	D	3
30	Jeff Farrington	R	2	85	Ben Glardon	R	2
31	Marilyn Lane	D	2	86	Lisa Posthumus Lyons	R	2
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36	Pete Lund	R	3	91	Collene Lamonte	D	1
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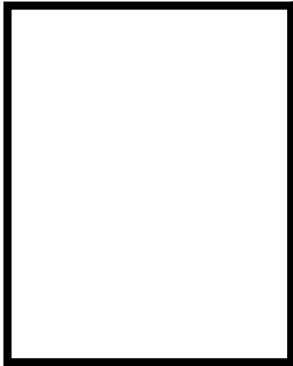
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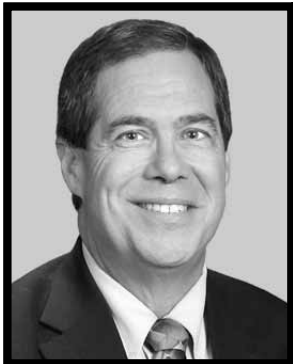
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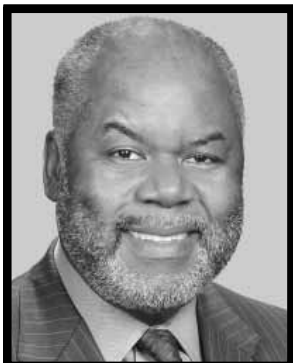
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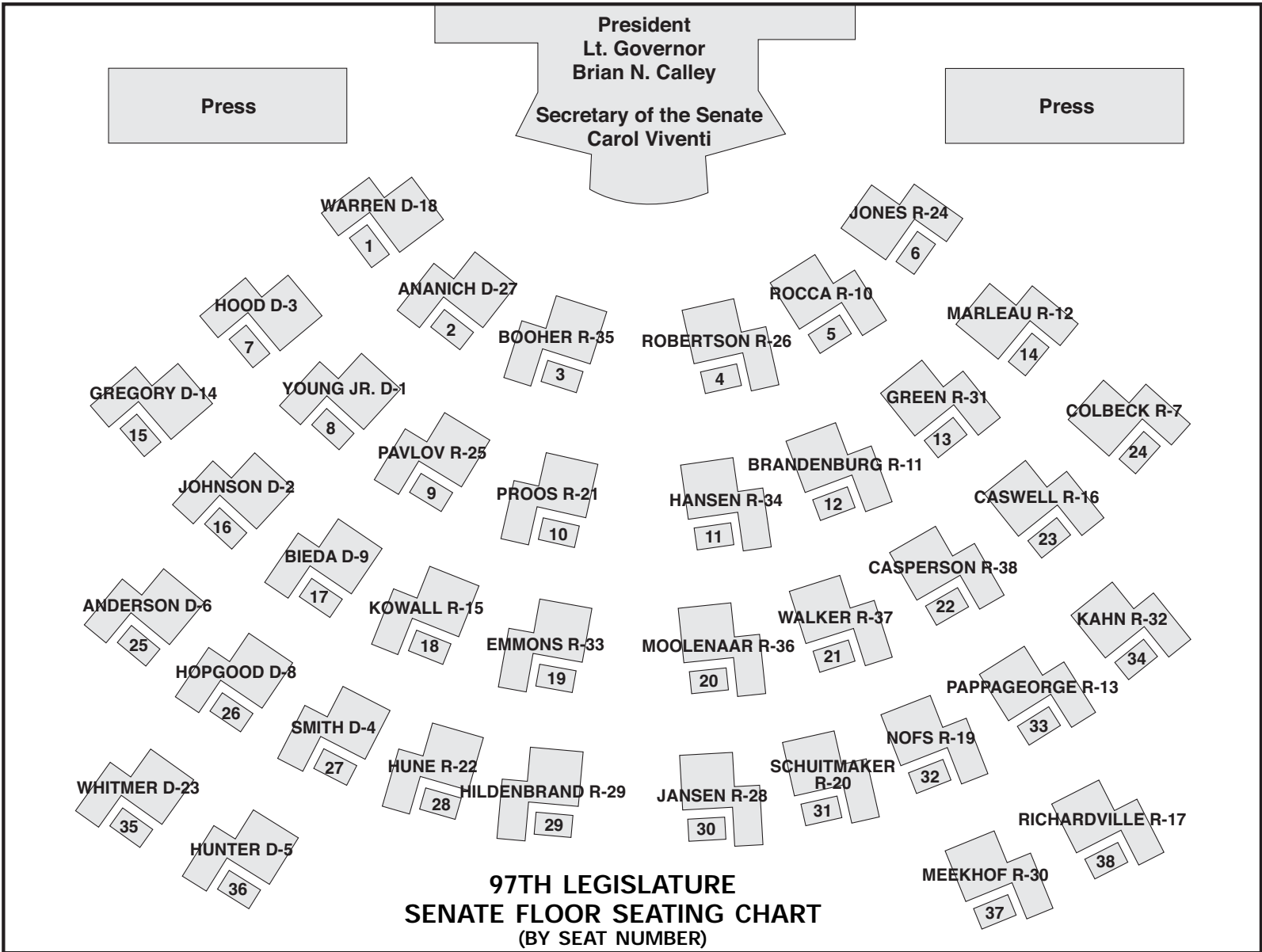
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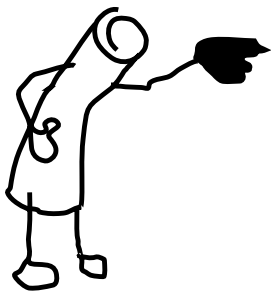
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HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

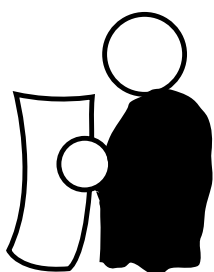


1. A bill is introduced in either the Senate or the House. Sometimes identical bills are introduced simultaneously. The bill receives a **FIRST READING** in the House and a **FIRST AND SECOND READING** in the Senate (at which time the title is read). Then either the Majority Leader of the Senate or the Speaker of the House refers the bill to an appropriate standing committee (Education, Commerce, Health, and Human Services, etc.). If the bill is a budget bill or has fiscal implications, it will be referred directly to the Appropriations Committee or to an appropriate standing committee and then to the Appropriations Committee.



2. In committee, the bill is discussed and debated. Public hearings may be held. Not every bill in the committee will be considered. The committee may take several different actions:

- Report the bill with favorable recommendation.
- Add amendments and report the bill with favorable recommendation.
- Report the bill with the recommendation that a substitute be adopted.
- Report the bill with adverse recommendation.
- Report the bill without recommendation.
- Report the bill with amendments but without recommendation.
- Report the bill with the recommendation that the bill be referred to another committee.
- Take no action on the bill.
- Refuse to report the bill out of committee.



3. If a bill is reported out favorably or a substitute is offered, the bill is returned to the Senate or House where it receives a **GENERAL ORDERS** status in the Senate and a **SECOND READING** status in the House. The Senate resolves itself into the Committee of the Whole and the House assumes the order of **SECOND READING**. At this time, committee recommendations are considered and amendments may be offered and adopted. The bill then advances to **THIRD READING**.

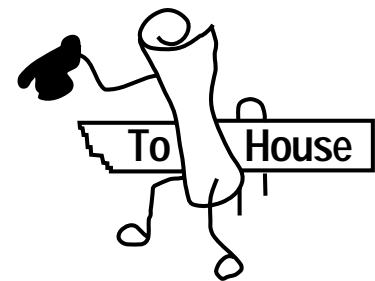
4. Upon THIRD READING in the Senate, an entire bill is read unless unanimous consent is given to consider the bill read. In the House, the bill is read in its entirety on THIRD READING unless four-fifths of the members consent to consider the bill read. At THIRD READING the bill is again subject to debate and amendment. At the conclusion of THIRD READING, the bill is either passed or defeated by a roll call vote of the majority of members elected and serving OR one of the following options may be used to delay final action:

- Refer bill back to committee for further consideration.
- Postpone bill indefinitely.
- Make the bill a special order of business on THIRD READING for a specific date.

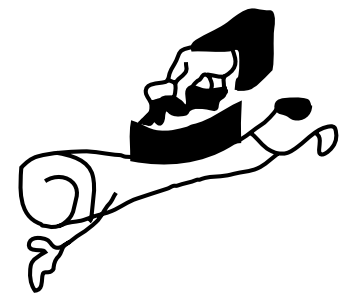
or

- Table the bill.

Following either passage or defeat of a bill, a legislator may move to have the bill reconsidered. In the Senate, the motion must be made within the next two session days; in the House, within the next succeeding day.



5. If the bill passes, it goes to the other house where the same procedure is followed. If the bill is passed in the same form by both houses, it is ordered "enrolled" in the house in which it originated. It then goes to the Governor for his or her signature.

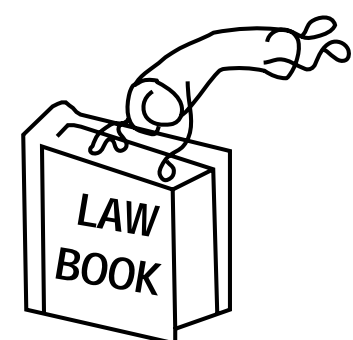


6. If the bill is passed in a different form by the second house, the bill is returned to its house of origin. If this house accepts the changes, the bill is enrolled and sent to the Governor. If the changes are rejected, the bill is sent to a conference committee which tries to resolve differences. If the first conference report is rejected, a second conference committee may be appointed.



7. The Governor has 14 days after receiving a bill to consider it. He or she may:

- Sign the bill. The bill becomes law either 90 days after the legislature adjourns sine die* or at a later date specified in the bill. If the bill has been given immediate effect by a 2/3 vote of the members elected and serving, it becomes law upon the Governor's signature.
- Veto the bill (which would then require a 2/3 vote to override). See No. 8 below.
- Neither sign nor veto, in which case the bill becomes law 14 days after reaching the Governor's desk unless the legislature adjourns sine die within the 14 days. In that case the bill does not become law.



8. If the Governor vetoes a bill while the legislature is in session or recess, one of the following actions may occur:

- Legislature may override the veto by a 2/3 vote of the members elected and serving in both houses.



COMMITTEES

(All committees and subcommittees are listed in the section following)

How They Work

When a bill is introduced in either the House of Representatives or the Senate, it is sent to one of the committees in its own house which deals with that particular type of issue. At the point of introduction, the bill will be given a number and will be made available on the legislature’s website.

There are 23 standing House committees and 21 standing Senate committees. These committees contain from 4 to 29 members. The Appropriations Committees are divided into subcommittees where bills with monetary implications are assigned for discussion, analysis, and revision before being presented to the full committee for action. (See subcommittee section for chairpersons and members.)

There are several other types of committees set up by the legislature to achieve certain goals. Special committees may be created by a House or Senate Resolution and appointed by the Speaker and/or the Senate Majority Leader, and are generally appointed to serve during a specified time period. The number of members of these committees will vary according to the specifications of the Resolution. For the most part, these committees are used to study and investigate topics of special interest, such as railroads, aging, urban mass transportation, nursing home issues, etc.

Another type of committee is the joint committee. Several of these are established by statute, for example: the Committee on Administrative Rules and the Legislative Council. These committees, like standing committees, are appointed for two-year periods, but membership consists of both Senators and Representatives.

When a bill is referred to a standing committee, the members of that committee have a choice in the actions they may take: report the bill with a favorable recommendation—or without recommendation; report the bill with amendments—with or without recommendation; report a substitute bill in place of the original bill; report the bill and recommend that it be referred to another committee; or take no action on the bill (committees are not required to “report out” a bill).

Although one of the chief functions of a committee is to “screen out” undesirable bills, arbitrary refusal of a committee to report a bill can be remedied by a motion to “discharge the committee from further consideration of the bill.” If the motion is approved by a majority of members in the respective house, the bill is placed on the order of Second Reading in the House or General Orders in the Senate.

As a rule, all standing committee meetings are open to the public. Exceptions are extremely rare. Most committee business is conducted during the meeting. All committee action requires the approval of a majority of those appointed and serving on the committee. If there are a sufficient number of “yes” votes, the bill is reported out.

Members are usually given at least one day’s notice of all committee meetings. There is an informal schedule of committee meetings which indicates what day and time committees are meeting each week (see listing on pages 68 and 71). Public hearings are announced at the end of the daily House or Senate sessions and appear on the calendars. The notice for such hearings gives the time, date, place, and subject matter.

Testifying Before a Committee

If you become aware that a particular bill of interest to you has been introduced, KEEP TRACK OF IT. Find out, from the Clerk of the House, the Secretary of the Senate, or the legislature’s website (legislature.mi.gov), which committee has the bill. You may then ask the Committee Clerk (see committee lists) to notify you when the bill is put on the committee agenda for discussion or is scheduled for a public hearing. You may also write to the Chairperson of that committee requesting that the bill be put on the agenda or scheduled for a hearing.



Sometimes letters and e-mails on a particular bill will assure that it receives a committee hearing, since not all bills are “automatically” considered—many die without ever having been considered by a committee.

It is important to note that attention given to bills in regular committee meetings may not be as extensive as in a public hearing because of time limitations. A committee may be regularly scheduled to meet for an hour, and may need to consider three or four bills during that time. A public hearing, on the other hand, may hear testimony on a single issue for more than three hours. However, only major pieces of legislation or bills in which there is widespread interest will normally be scheduled for public hearings.

When a bill is scheduled on the committee agenda for consideration, and if you have an active interest in the legislation and feel there are contributions you can make to the committee process, you may decide to testify at either a meeting or a hearing. The purpose of testimony given should be informational so that committee members can vote on the bill with as full an understanding as possible of all sides of the issue it addresses, and the consequences of its passage. In a meeting, the sponsor, experts on the problem, and informed members of the public will normally be heard. If the measure is controversial or additional information is needed before a decision can be reached by the members, most committees will gladly put the bill over to a future meeting or even a public hearing.

If you find out about a bill after it has passed in its house of origin, you still may have the opportunity to be heard before the committee in the other house to which it has been referred.

The following guidelines are suggested to assist citizens in making their testimony influential and effective:

1. WRITE to committee members and to your own legislator, simply expressing support or opposition to the legislation. (See citizen participation section.)
2. IF YOU DECIDE TO TESTIFY, notify the committee as soon as possible of your desire and, as a courtesy, let your legislators know that you’ve asked for time to present testimony.
3. IF YOU REPRESENT A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS OR AN ORGANIZATION, choose one person to present the group’s point of view and bring others along as supporters. (No committee wants to hear the same testimony over and over.)
4. PREPARE TESTIMONY AND/OR SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS IN ADVANCE. Read the bill carefully and any available analyses. Do research, if necessary, be sure that all your facts, background material, and figures

are accurate. Consult with others to determine the scope of the issue and clarify what you, or the group, want to cover in your testimony.

5. **PREPARE A CLEAR, CONCISE WRITTEN STATEMENT** which has been thoroughly proofread for errors and review it with others who have the same interest.
6. **WHEN YOU TESTIFY**, identify who you are and, if you represent a group, give the name of the group. At the beginning of your remarks, state whether you are testifying in support or opposition of the proposal or bill. Relate your group's or your own experience or views directly to the issue.
7. **KEEP YOUR TESTIMONY SHORT AND TO THE POINT.** If your testimony is lengthy and complex, it is best to offer highlights at the hearing and request permission to place your complete position and supporting material in the record. Anything you present in writing will be placed in the committee members' files and will be available to them at any future meetings. If possible, have copies of testimony available for committee members and staff.
8. **AVOID EMOTIONAL SPEECHES AND PROPAGANDA.** Your role is an important one—don't abuse it. This is the surest way to invite a hostile reaction and alienate the very committee members you are trying to persuade to your point of view.
9. **IF YOU ARE ASKED A HOSTILE QUESTION**, keep a cool head. Don't be afraid to stop and think for a minute to answer a question properly. If you don't have the answer, never guess—request permission to file a detailed response at a later date.

Without the support of the committee involved, the bill or proposal you are interested in may never make it to the floor to be voted on. Even if you prefer not to testify, your attendance at a hearing and personal correspondence with committee members and your own legislators are important in influencing the decision-making process.

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES

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AGRICULTURE (16)

Reps. Daley (C), Denby (VC), Kurtz, Glardon, Johnson, McBroom, Outman, Rendon, Victory, Lauwers, Pagel, Brunner (M-VC), Smiley, Hovey-Wright, LaVoy, Geiss, Talabi.

APPROPRIATIONS (29)

Reps. Haveman (C), Pscholka (VC), Kowall, Lori, Rogers, Stamas, Walsh, Bumstead, Forlini, MacGregor, MacMaster, Jenkins, Muxlow, Poleski, Potvin, McCready, Howrylak, VerHeulen, Tlaib (M-VC), Brown, Durhal, McCann, Dillon, Roberts, Kandrevas, Faris, Zemke, Singh, Olumba.

COMMERCE (19)

Reps. Foster (C), Zorn (VC), Haines, Schmidt, Farrington, Glardon, Johnson, Nesbitt, Somerville, Outman, Kelly, Leonard, Switalski (M-VC), Barnett, Townsend, Santana, Oakes, Driskell, Yanez.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (11)

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ELECTIONS AND ETHICS (9)

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ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY (20)

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FINANCIAL LIABILITY REFORM (11)

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GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (5)

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REGULATORY REFORM (15)

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TAX POLICY (15)

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TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE (15)

Reps. Schmidt (C), Glardon (VC), Daley, Heise, Jacobsen, O'Brien, Pettalia, Lauwers, McCready, *Lane (M-VC), Dianda, Rutledge, Driskell, Cochran, Smiley.*

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COMMUNITY COLLEGES (5)

Reps. Muxlow (C), MacMaster (VC), Forlini, *Zemke (M-VC)*, *Faris*.

COMMUNITY HEALTH (8)

Reps. Lori (C), VerHeulen (VC), Muxlow, MacGregor, Stamas, *Tlaib (M-VC)*, *Dillon*, *Olumba*.

CORRECTIONS (8)

Reps. MacMaster (C), Poleski (VC), Lori, Rogers, Haveman, *Kandrevas (M-VC)*, *Durhal*, *Olumba*.

EDUCATION (6)

Reps. Rogers (C), Howrylak (VC), Lori, Potvin, *Singh (M-VC)*, *Zemke*.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (4)

Reps. Kowall (C), Forlini (VC), Bumstead, *Roberts (M-VC)*.

FISCAL OVERSIGHT (5)

Reps. Howrylak (C), Haveman (VC), Stamas, *Kandrevas (M-VC)*, *Olumba*.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT (6)

Reps. Poleski (C), Kowall (VC), Rogers, Forlini, *Durhal (M-VC)*, *Singh*.

HIGHER EDUCATION (7)

Reps. Pscholka (C), Walsh (VC), MacGregor, VerHeulen, *Singh (M-VC)*, *McCann*, *Kandrevas*.

HUMAN SERVICES (6)

Reps. MacGregor (C), McCready (VC), Pscholka, Muxlow, *Tlaib (M-VC)*, *Kandrevas*.

JOINT CAPITAL OUTLAY (7)

Reps. Kowall (C), Muxlow (VC), Potvin, Forlini, Howrylak, *Zemke (M-VC)*, *Durhal*.

JUDICIARY (4)

Reps. Walsh (C), VerHeulen (VC), Howrylak, *Faris (M-VC)*.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS (6)

Reps. Forlini (C), Pscholka (VC), Bumstead, Kowall, *Faris (M-VC)*, *Roberts*.

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (4)

Reps. Jenkins (C), MacGregor (VC), MacMaster, *Roberts (M-VC)*.

NATURAL RESOURCES (4)

Reps. Bumstead (C), McCready (VC), Jenkins, *Brown (M-VC)*.

SCHOOL AID (6)

Reps. Rogers (C), Potvin (VC), Lori, Howrylak, *Dillon (M-VC)*, *Brown*.

STATE POLICE (4)

Reps. McCready (C), Jenkins (VC), MacMaster, *McCann (M-VC)*.

SUPPLEMENTALS (3)

Reps. Haveman (C), Pscholka (VC), *McCann (M-VC)*.

TRANSPORTATION (5)

Reps. VerHeulen (C), Muxlow (VC), Pscholka, Poleski, *Kandrevas (M-VC)*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SCHEDULE OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	CLERK	DAY	TIME	LOCATION*
Agriculture	Rep. Daley	Cath Petroskey - 373-8538	Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	307
Appropriations	Rep. Haveman	Ben Williams - 373-1988	Call of the Chair		352 Capitol
Commerce	Rep. Foster	Malika Abdul-Basir - 373-7256	Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	519
Criminal Justice	Rep. Heise	Joy Brewer - 373-8474	Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	327
Education	Rep. Lyons	Rachel Meade - 373-2002	Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	307
Elections and Ethics	Rep. Lyons	Malika Abdul-Basir - 373-7256	Tuesday	12:00 noon	327
Energy and Technology	Rep. Nesbitt	Cath Petroskey - 373-8538	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	519
Families, Children, and Seniors	Rep. Kurtz	Angie Lake - 373-5795	Wednesday	12:00 noon	519
Financial Liability Reform	Rep. Poleski	Malika Abdul-Basir - 373-7256	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	519
Financial Services	Rep. Callton	Mary Lou Terrien - 373-1260	Wednesday	12:00 noon	326
Government Operations	Rep. Lund	Rachel Meade - 373-2002	Tuesday	12:00 noon	308
Health Policy	Rep. Haines	David Mead - 373-2013	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	519
Insurance	Rep. Lund	Cath Petroskey - 373-8538	Thursday	10:30 a.m.	519
Judiciary	Rep. Cotter	Angie Lake - 373-5795	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	521
Local Government	Rep. Price	Mary Lou Terrien - 373-1260	Thursday	10:30 a.m.	307
Michigan Competitiveness	Rep. Shirkey	David Mead - 373-2013	Wednesday	12:00 noon	521
Military and Veterans Affairs	Rep. Stamas	Rachel Meade - 373-2002	Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	308
Natural Resources	Rep. LaFontaine	Joy Brewer - 373-8474	Tuesday	12:00 noon	307
Oversight	Rep. McMillin	Doug Simon - 373-8099	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	326
Regulatory Reform	Rep. Crawford	Angie Lake - 373-5795	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	521
Tax Policy	Rep. Farrington	David Mead - 373-2013	Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	519
Tourism	Rep. Pettalia	Joy Brewer - 373-8474	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	327
Transportation and Infrastructure	Rep. Schmidt	Mary Lou Terrien - 373-1260	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	521

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

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AGRICULTURE (5)

Senators Hune (C), Booher (VC), Emmons, Hansen, *Smith (M-VC)*.

APPROPRIATIONS (16)

Senators Kahn (C), Moolenaar (VC), Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Proos, Schuitmaker, Walker, *Anderson (M-VC), Gregory, Hood, Hopgood, Johnson.*

BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (7)

Senators Booher (C), Nofs (VC), Green, Marleau, Rocca, *Ananich (M-VC), Smith.*

COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (4)

Senators Meekhof (C), Brandenburg (VC), Schuitmaker, *Hopgood (M-VC)*.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (7)

Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand (VC), Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, *Smith (M-VC), Ananich.*

EDUCATION (5)

Senators Pavlov (C), Emmons (VC), Colbeck, *Hopgood (M-VC), Young.*

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY (9)

Senators Nofs (C), Proos (VC), Jones, Marleau, Schuitmaker, Walker, *Hopgood (M-VC), Bieda, Young.*

FAMILIES, SENIORS AND HUMAN SERVICES (4)

Senators Emmons (C), Rocca (VC), Nofs, *Gregory (M-VC)*.

FINANCE (7)

Senators Brandenburg (C), Jansen (VC), Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, *Bieda (M-VC), Warren.*

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (5)

Senators Richardville (C), Hildenbrand (VC), Meekhof, *Whitmer (M-VC), Hunter.*

HEALTH POLICY (9)

Senators Marleau (C), Robertson (VC), Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, *Warren (M-VC), Johnson, Ananich.*

INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION (7)

Senators Kahn (C), Pappageorge (VC), Booher, Jansen, Brandenburg, *Hood (M-VC), Warren.*

INSURANCE (7)

Senators Hune (C), Marleau (VC), Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, *Smith (M-VC), Bieda.*

JUDICIARY (4)

Senators Jones (C), Schuitmaker (VC), Rocca, *Bieda (M-VC)*.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (4)

Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof (VC), Brandenburg, *Young (M-VC)*.

NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT AND GREAT LAKES (7)

Senators Casperson (C), Pavlov (VC), Green, Kowall, Meekhof, *Warren (M-VC), Hood.*

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND TOURISM (7)

Senators Hansen (C), Hildenbrand (VC), Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar, *Young (M-VC), Hopgood.*

REDISTRICTING (9)

Senators Hune (C), Jones (VC), Hildenbrand, Marleau, Moolenaar, Proos, *Bieda (M-VC), Johnson, Smith.*

REFORMS, RESTRUCTURING AND REINVENTING (7)

Senators Jansen (C), Colbeck (VC), Casperson, Kowall, Robertson, *Young (M-VC), Warren.*

REGULATORY REFORM (7)

Senators Rocca (C), Jones (VC), Hune, Meekhof, Pavlov, *Johnson (M-VC), Warren.*

TRANSPORTATION (7)

Senators Casperson (C), Kowall (VC), Brandenburg, Pavlov, Hansen, *Hood (M-VC), Ananich.*

VETERANS, MILITARY AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY (5)

Senators Moolenaar (C), Pappageorge (VC), Emmons, *Gregory (M-VC), Smith.*

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

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AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (3)

Senators Green (C), Moolenaar (VC), *Hopgood (M-VC)*.

CAPITAL OUTLAY (7)

Senators Booher (C), Schuitmaker (VC), Jansen, Green, Moolenaar, *Hood (M-VC)*, *Anderson*.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES (3)

Senators Booher (C), Schuitmaker (VC), *Anderson (M-VC)*.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH (4)

Senators Moolenaar (C), Caswell (VC), Booher, *Gregory (M-VC)*.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (3)

Senators Proos (C), Walker (VC), *Anderson (M-VC)*.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (4)

Senators Green (C), Walker (VC), Booher, *Hopgood (M-VC)*.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (4)

Senators Caswell (C), Jansen (VC), Proos, *Gregory (M-VC)*.

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS (3)

Senators Jansen (C), Proos (VC), *Johnson (M-VC)*.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (4)

Senators Green (C), Walker (VC), Booher, *Hopgood (M-VC)*.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT (4)

Senators Pappageorge (C), Jansen (VC), Colbeck, *Johnson (M-VC)*.

HIGHER EDUCATION (3)

Senators Schuitmaker (C), Walker (VC), *Hood (M-VC)*.

JUDICIARY (3)

Senators Proos (C), Schuitmaker (VC), *Johnson (M-VC)*.

K-12, SCHOOL AID, EDUCATION (4)

Senators Walker (C), Caswell (VC), Pappageorge, *Hopgood (M-VC)*.

RETIREMENT (4)

Senators Jansen (C), Caswell (VC), Colbeck, *Hood (M-VC)*.

STATE POLICE AND MILITARY AFFAIRS (3)

Senators Colbeck (C), Pappageorge (VC), *Gregory (M-VC)*.

TRANSPORTATION (3)

Senators Pappageorge (C), Colbeck (VC), *Anderson (M-VC)*.

SENATE

SCHEDULE OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Agriculture	Senator Hune	Thursday	8:30 a.m.	110 Farnum
Appropriations	Senator Kahn	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	Senate Appropriations Room, Capitol
Banking and Financial Institutions	Senator Booher	Thursday	1:30 p.m.	100 Farnum
Compliance and Accountability	Senator Meekhof	???	??? p.m.	???
Economic Development	Senator Kowall	Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	110 Farnum
Education	Senator Pavlov	Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Senate Hearing Room, Boji
Energy and Technology	Senator Nofs	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Senate Hearing Room, Boji
Families, Seniors and Human Services	Senator Emmons	Wednesday	3:00 p.m.	210 Farnum
Finance	Senator Brandenburg	Wednesday	12:30 p.m.	210 Farnum
Government Operations	Senator Richardville	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	402/403 Capitol
Health Policy	Senator Marleau	Thursday	2:30 p.m.	Senate Hearing Room, Boji
Infrastructure Modernization	Senator Kahn	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Senate Appropriations Room, Capitol
Insurance	Senator Hune	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	100 Farnum
Judiciary	Senator Jones	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	110 Farnum
Local Government and Elections	Senator Robertson	Wednesday	3:00 p.m.	100 Farnum
Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes	Senator Casperson	Thursday	8:30 a.m.	210 Farnum
Outdoor Recreation and Tourism	Senator Hansen	Thursday	12:30 p.m.	110 Farnum
Redistricting	Senator Hune	Wednesday	3:00 p.m.	Senate Hearing Room, Boji
Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing	Senator Jansen	Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	402/403 Capitol
Regulatory Reform	Senator Rocca	Thursday	1:00 p.m.	210 Farnum
Transportation	Senator Casperson	Tuesday	12:30 p.m.	100 Farnum
Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security	Senator Moolenaar	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	210 Farnum

JOINT SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES

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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (10)

Senators Pappageorge (C), Meekhof, Marleau, *Hunter, Johnson*.
Representatives McMillin (C), Stamas (VC), Price, *Santana (M-VC), Geiss*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (12 plus 6 Alternates)

Senators Richardville (C), Rocca, Schuitmaker, Jansen, *Whitmer, Hunter*.
Alternates: Senators Hildenbrand, Moolenaar, *Bieda*.
Representatives Bolger (C), Walsh (VC), Stamas, Lyons, *Lipton (M-VC), Oakes*.
Alternates: Representatives O'Brien, Kurtz, *Robinson*.

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES (4)

Senators Robertson, *Bieda*.
Representative Stamas, *Vacant*.

MICHIGAN CAPITOL COMMITTEE (8)

Senators Richardville (C), Hildenbrand, Meekhof, *Bieda*.
Representatives Schmidt (C), Stamas (VC), McCready, *McCann (M-VC)*.

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS (4)

Senators not appointed at time of printing.
Representatives VerHeulen, *Lipton*.

MICHIGAN LAW REVISION COMMISSION (4)

Senators Schuitmaker, *Gregory*.
Representatives Leonard, *Kandrevas*.

FISCAL AGENCY GOVERNING BOARDS

HOUSE FISCAL AGENCY GOVERNING COMMITTEE (6)

Representatives Haveman (C), Bolger (VC), Stamas, *Tlaib (M-VC), Greimel, Rutledge*.

SENATE FISCAL AGENCY BOARD OF GOVERNORS (5)

Senators Kahn (C), Richardville, Caswell, *Whitmer, Anderson*.



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENTS

(All phone numbers are in Lansing area code 517, unless otherwise noted)

For basic information on a city or county matter, contact your city hall or the county clerk’s office. For matters involving the state, there are places from which to request information other than your legislator. There are 17 major departments along with the Executive Office in the state Executive Branch.

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CAPITOL SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Most visitors to the Capitol come to tour the building, observe the Legislature, or participate in the legislative process by meeting with legislators, testifying before legislative committees, etc.

The goal of the Capitol staff is to ensure that every citizen visiting their Capitol is treated with respect. Everyone should be able to enjoy a tour, observe the Legislature, and participate in the legislative process.

The Michigan Legislature, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), ensures that individuals with disabilities shall not be excluded from participating in, or be denied, the benefits of any program, service, or activity offered by the Legislature.

The purpose of this section is to advise persons with disabilities of the services and accommodations available at their Capitol.

Parking Spaces

There are parking spaces for persons with mobility disabilities north of the Capitol. The entrance is off Ottawa Street. The spaces are designated with the international mobility disability symbol. One of the spaces will accommodate a van. All vehicles using the mobility disability parking spaces must have a disability license plate or display a mobility disability permit issued by the Secretary of State.

Entrance Door Access

The north annex entrance door adjacent to the mobility disability parking spaces and all ground floor entrance doors (except the west outer vestibule door at the south entrance) are mobility disability accessible. At least one outer and one inner vestibule door on each side of the Capitol, as well as the north annex entrance adjacent to the mobility disability parking spaces, also have an automatic door opener which can be activated by pushing a plate. The plates are marked with the mobility disability symbol.

Restrooms

Public restrooms are located on the ground floor, third floor and fourth floor of the Capitol. All public restrooms are accessible to persons with mobility disabilities.

Telephone Accommodations for Persons Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

A TTY (Text Telephone) is available in the Capitol. The phone is located on the ground floor. Ask at the Information Desk for assistance. Calls other than local ones must be charged to a credit card or be made "collect."

Michigan Relay Center

The Michigan Relay Center enables persons with deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech impairment disabilities to communicate with virtually anyone within the state. Hearing persons or non-TTY users can also use the Center to communicate with a TTY user. Your communication will be relayed by the Center to the TTY user. The Michigan Relay Center telephone number is (800) 649-3777 (Voice and TTY).

Calling Legislators and Legislative Agencies

Individuals who use a TTY to communicate can contact legislators and legislative agencies in two ways:

- Call the Michigan Relay Center at (800) 649-3777 or 711. The Center will relay your message to the legislator or legislative agency office.

Emergency Procedures

The Capitol is generally a very safe place to be in the case of an emergency. Nonetheless, as part of the Capitol's restoration, modern life safety systems were installed. The building is completely equipped with fire sprinklers, and over 5,000 sensors monitor air ducts, motors, and sprinkler lines. The system is designed to notify emergency personnel immediately so they can react swiftly. At the same time, alarms were installed to alert the Capitol's visitors and staff to an emergency situation. These alarms feature both auditory (a voiced alarm) and visual (flashing lights) components. The building also has two interior, enclosed fire stairs located right off the rotunda in the east and west wings. The first and ground floors each have four exterior exits.

If an alarm is activated, exit by the closest, safest stairs. DO NOT USE THE ELEVATORS. The fire stairs are pressurized to keep smoke and fire out. Wheelchair users and other persons with mobility disabilities should proceed to the landings in the fire stairs, where they will be assisted by emergency personnel, if necessary.

Sergeants-At-Arms of the Senate and House, along with building staff, have been assigned sections of the Capitol, and will go through the building to ensure that everyone is aware of the emergency and has either vacated the building or gone to the tornado shelter or fire stair landings, depending on the situation.

Tours of the Capitol

For persons with hearing disability:

- A printed version of the tour script is available.
- In addition, those who read lips should notify their Tour Guide at the start of the tour. Every effort will be made to make sure that the Tour Guide is positioned to make lip reading easier.
- The Capitol Tour Guide Service will provide a sign language interpreter for scheduled hard-of-hearing or deaf tour groups with at least two weeks prior notification.

For persons with visual disability:

- A large-print version of the tour script is available.
- A Braille version of the tour script is available.

For persons with mobility disability:

- An elevator is available for wheelchair users or individuals who cannot climb or descend stairs during the tour.
- Individuals who find it difficult to walk or stand for long periods or have other mobility impairments should notify their Tour Guide so most of the tour information is given while the group is seated in the Orientation Room, the Senate and House galleries, and the Appropriations Rooms.

Booking Tours for Persons With Disabilities

Tours for groups of ten or more can be booked through the Capitol Tour Guide Service office. If any members of your group are persons with disabilities, advise the Tour Guide Service office at the time you book the tour. Tours can and most often are booked 1 year in advance through:

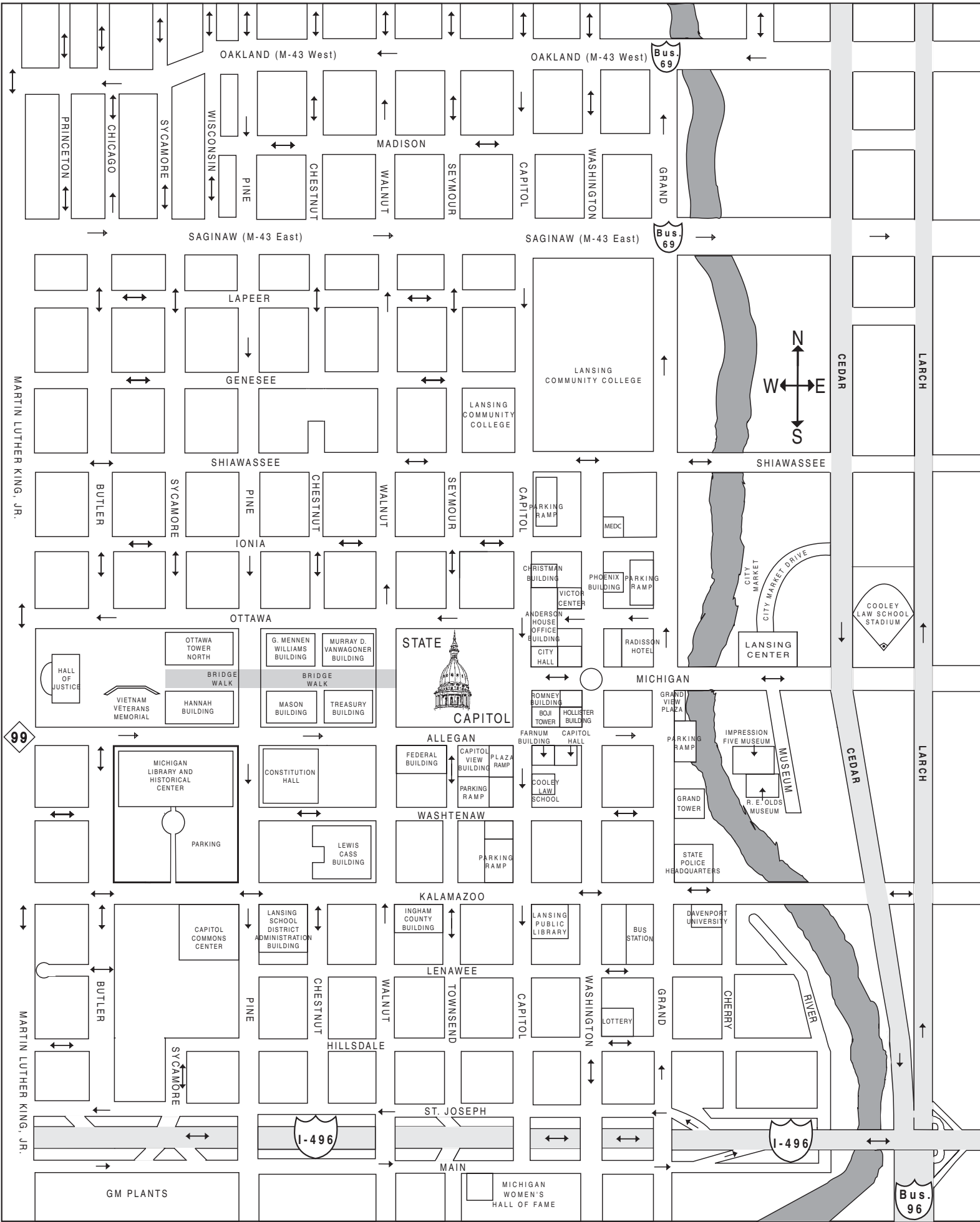
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P.O. Box 30014
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Large Groups

As the seat of state government, the Capitol is the place citizens come to redress their grievances, demonstrate, and conduct rallies. Periodically, large groups of persons with disabilities visit the Capitol. The staff will do everything it can to accommodate such groups. If you are planning an event for a large number of persons with disabilities, we would strongly encourage you to confer with the Capitol staff early in your planning so any necessary arrangements can be made to transport participants to the Capitol, move people through the building, etc. Planning is always the key to a successful event and good planning ensures that all can participate. Contact:

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